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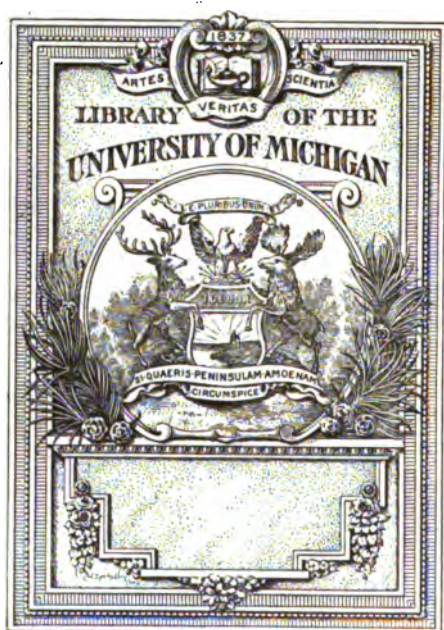
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JOURNAL.

The ninety-seventh General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts convened at the State House in Boston, on the first Wednesday in January, being the fifth day thereof, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and seventy-six, and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundredth. And the members-elect of the House of Representatives having assembled in the Representatives' Chamber, were called to order at 11 o'clock, A. M., by Mr. George Haskell, of Ipswich, the senior member present. Preliminary organization.

By request of the presiding officer, prayer was offered by the Rev. Charles B. Rice, of Danvers, a member of the House.

On motion of Mr. Pierce of Milton,—

Ordered, That a committee of five be appointed, to inform the Secretary of the Commonwealth that the House has been called to order.

Messrs. Pierce of Milton, Truell of Lawrence, Nutter of East Bridgewater, Kendall of Cambridge, and Wetherell of Worcester, were appointed the committee.

Thereupon, the Secretary transmitted to the House a list of all the persons returned as representatives, with the original certificates of their election, which had been returned to his office.

On motion of Mr. Hale of Boston,—

Ordered, That the Clerk call the roll of the House, for the purpose of ascertaining if a quorum be present.

The roll was called, and two hundred and thirty-five members having answered to their names, the Chair declared a quorum present.

Organization. On motion of Mr. Hale of Boston,—

Ordered, That a committee of five be appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Governor, and inform him that a quorum of the House is assembled, and that the members are ready to be qualified.

Messrs. Hale of Boston, Noble of Westfield, Fairbanks of Fall River, Pierce of Milton, Jenks of Boston, and Walden of Lynn, were appointed.

Mr. Hale, of the committee, afterwards reported that they had waited upon the Governor, and that he would forthwith attend upon the House.

Oaths administered.

Soon afterwards, His Excellency the Governor, with the Council and the Secretary of the Commonwealth, came in, and the oaths and affirmations required by the Constitution and the laws were administered by His Excellency to the members present, and subscribed by them; after which the Governor, the Council and the Secretary withdrew.

Speaker elected. On motion of Mr. Babson of Gloucester,—

Ordered, That a committee of six be appointed, to receive, sort and count the votes for Speaker.

Messrs. Babson of Gloucester, Williams of Brookline, Coveney of Cambridge, Bradley of Worcester, Rust of Boston, and Merritt of Springfield, were appointed.

Mr. Babson, from the committee, afterwards reported as follows :—

Whole number of votes,	233
Necessary for a choice,	117
John D. Long of Hingham,	191
Reuben Noble of Westfield,	41
Moses Kimball of Boston,	1

And Mr. Long having been elected, declaration was made accordingly, and the Speaker was conducted to the chair by a committee consisting of Messrs. Noble of Westfield and Kellogg of Pittsfield.

Clerk elected. On motion of Mr. J. W. Hill of Boston,—

Ordered, That a committee of six be appointed, to receive, sort and count the votes for Clerk.

Messrs. J. W. Hill of Boston, Carney of Boston, Hawkes of Lynn, Hartwell of Lowell, Phinney of Plymouth, and Abbe of Springfield, were appointed.

Mr. Hill, from the committee, afterwards reported as follows :—

Whole number of votes,	229
Necessary for a choice,	115
George A. Marden of Lowell,	194
E. H. Luther of Worcester,	27
Charles S. Osgood of Salem,	8

And Mr. Marden, having been elected, was conducted to the Council chamber by a committee consisting of Mr. Shaw of Boston. And having been qualified by taking the oaths required, report was made accordingly to the House, and the Clerk entered upon the discharge of his duties.

A message was received from the Senate, announcing that that branch had been organized by the election of George B. Loring, of the Second Essex District, as President, and Stephen N. Gifford of Duxbury, as Clerk. Senate organized.

On motion of Mr. Morissey of Plymouth,—

Ordered, That a committee of five be appointed, to inform the Senate that the House has been organized by the election of a Speaker and a Clerk. Senate notified.

Messrs. Morissey of Plymouth, Paul of Boston, Mann of Randolph, Keith of Sandwich, and Lawrence of Medford, were appointed.

Mr. Morissey, of the committee, afterwards reported that they had attended to that duty.

On motion of Mr. Kellogg of Pittsfield,—

Ordered, That a committee of five be appointed, to inform the Governor and Council that the House has been organized by the election of a Speaker and a Clerk. Governor notified.

Messrs. Kellogg of Pittsfield, Burr of Newton, McCafferty of Worcester, Ropes of Boston, and Reed of South Abington, were appointed.

Mr. Kellogg, from the committee, afterwards reported that they had attended to that duty.

On motion of Mr. Moseley of Boston,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns, it adjourn to meet to-morrow at 11 o'clock, A. M., and that that be the hour of meeting until otherwise ordered. Hour of meeting.

On motion of Mr. Heywood of Worcester,—

Ordered, That a committee of six be appointed, to receive, sort and count the votes for Sergeant-at-Arms. Sergeant-at-Arms.

Messrs. Heywood of Worcester, Fuller of Boston, Nichols of Haverhill, Miner of Phillipston, Holmes of Chelsea, and Keith of Bridgewater, were appointed.

Mr. Heywood of Worcester, from the committee, afterwards reported as follows :—

Whole number of votes,	227
Necessary for a choice,	114
Oreb F. Mitchell of Bridgewater,	226
Charles E. Horne of Stoneham,	1

And Mr. Mitchell was declared elected on the part of the House.

A message was received from the Senate, announcing that O. F. Mitchell of Bridgewater, had been elected Sergeant-at-Arms on the part of that branch.

Mr. King of Boston was appointed a committee to inform the Senate of the election of O. F. Mitchell as Sergeant-at-Arms on the part of the House.

Members qualified.

Messrs. Webster of Boston, Alley of Marlborough, and Partridge of Medway, not having been present when the members were qualified, were severally conducted to the Council Chamber by committees appointed for that purpose, and having been duly qualified, announcement was made accordingly.

Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. Rogers of Chelsea,—

Ordered, That to-morrow, at half-past 11 o'clock, A. M., be assigned for the election of Chaplain.

Rules and orders.

On motion of Mr. Croak of Boston,—

Ordered, That the rules and orders of the House of Representatives of 1875 be adopted as the rules and orders of the present House, until otherwise ordered.

Ib.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston,—

Ordered, That the members of the joint committee on rules and orders, on the part of the House, prepare rules and orders for the government of the House.

Papers from the Senate.

Joint rules and orders.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the joint rules and orders of last year be observed until otherwise ordered.

Ib.

Ordered, In concurrence, that a committee be appointed, to consist of three on the part of the Senate, with such as

the House may join, to prepare rules and orders for the government of the two branches.

Messrs. Robinson, Bowman and Dacey having been appointed by the Senate, Messrs. Kimball of Boston, Kellogg of Pittsfield, Hale of Boston, Pierce of Milton, Noble of Westfield, Stone of Waltham, J. W. Hill of Boston, Gargau of Boston, and Osgood of Salem, were joined on the part of the House.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the returns of votes for Governor and Lieutenant-Governor, and other state officers, be referred to a joint special committee, to consist of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join. Votes for Governor, etc.

Messrs. H. W. Robinson, Rand and Brown, having been appointed by the Senate, Messrs. Churchill of Boston, Swan of Lowell, Washburn of Worcester, Doherty of Boston, Hill of Beverly, Bates of Hopkinton, Clapp of Easthampton, and Mayo of Warwick, were joined on the part of the House.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the returns of votes for Councillors in the several councillor districts of the Commonwealth be referred to a joint special committee, consisting of two on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join. Votes for Councillors.

Messrs. Fisk and Howes having been appointed by the Senate, Messrs. Haskell of Ipswich, Fisk of Dennis, Barker of New Bedford, Moseley of Boston, Root of Montague, Saunders of Pepperell, Breed of Lynn, and Croak of Boston, were joined on the part of the House.

Messages from the Governor.

A message from His Excellency the Governor, transmitting a communication from the Old South Society, offering the free use of their meeting-house for the purposes of public worship of the present and future Legislatures, was read, and the offer of said society was accepted in concurrence. Election sermon.

The following message from His Excellency the Governor came down from the Senate, and was read :— Funeral of ex-Gov. Clifford.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, }
 EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, BOSTON, JAN. 5, 1876. }

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives :

It becomes my painful duty to announce to the Legislature the death of ex-Gov. John H. Clifford, which occurred at New Bedford, on the second day of the present month.

The funeral service will be performed to-morrow.

I respectfully recommend the Legislature, by some appropriate action, to express their high appreciation of the great personal merit, and of the able and distinguished public services of that eminent citizen, their profound sense of the loss which the State and the country have sustained by his death, and their great respect for his character and memory.

(Signed) WM. GASTON.

Read and referred, in concurrence, to a joint special committee, of which Messrs. Crane, Sargent and Wing, had been appointed on the part of the Senate, and Messrs. Kellogg of Pittsfield, Kimball of Boston, Pierce of Milton, Noble of Westfield, Wetherell of Worcester, Morissey of Plymouth, Gargan of Boston, and Barker of New Bedford, were joined on the part of the House.

The committee subsequently reported, in part, that a committee of the Legislature, consisting of four members of the Senate, and eight members of the House, be appointed to attend the funeral of the late John Henry Clifford, ex-governor of the Commonwealth, and asking further time to complete their report.

The report was read and accepted, in concurrence, and Messrs. Sargent, Ayres, Belcher and Wing, having been appointed the committee on the part of the Senate, Messrs. Fairbanks of Fall River, Noble of Westfield, Babson of Gloucester, Wetherell of Worcester, Morissey of Plymouth, Barker of New Bedford, Gargan of Boston, and Paul of Boston, were joined on the part of the House.

Public Worship.

On motion of Mr. Hale of Boston,—

Ordered, That a joint committee of five on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, be appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Governor, and the Council, and inform them that the members of the two branches will be in readiness to attend public worship at half-past two o'clock.

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Messrs. Evans of Everett, Richmond of Harvard, Noonan of Boston, Truell of Lawrence, and Croak of Boston, were appointed on the part of the House.

Sent up to be joined.

Mr. Evans, from the committee, afterwards reported that His Excellency the Governor had signified that he would join the two branches in attendance upon public worship at the hour named.

At 2.10, P. M. the House
Adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 6, 1876.

Met according to adjournment, at 11 o'clock.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Batchelor of New Bedford, a member of the House.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. Stillman B. Allen, of Boston, a representative-elect from the Eleventh Suffolk District, being present and ready to be qualified, presented his credentials, and a committee, consisting of Mr. Robinson of Boston, was appointed, who conducted him to the Council Chamber, and having been duly qualified, Mr. Allen took his seat in the House. Member qualified.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Knapp of Lowell,—

Ordered, That the Clerk be authorized to begin the printing of the journal. Printing of journal.
printing of the journal of the House, and that five hundred copies of the same be printed.

On motion of Mr. Mitchell of Nantucket,—

Ordered, That the Clerk of the House be directed to procure for the use of the House two copies each of the Boston, Springfield and Worcester morning papers, one copy each of the Boston evening papers, and one daily paper from each other city of the Commonwealth where a daily paper is published, the same to be filed and placed in the room adjoining the post-office. Daily papers.

Papers from the Senate.

The report of the joint special committee on the returns of votes for Governor, Lieutenant-Governor and other Votes for Governor, etc.

state officers, was received from the Senate, and accepted in concurrence, as follows :—

For Governor.

Alexander H. Rice of Boston,	83,639
William Gaston of Boston,	78,333
John I. Baker of Beverly,	9,124
All others,	2,089

For Lieutenant-Governor.

Horatio G. Knight of Easthampton,	95,996
John Quincy Adams of Quincy,	75,592
All others,	1,331

For Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Henry B. Peirce of Abington,	96,477
George H. Monroe of Boston,	76,197
All others,	259

For Treasurer and Receiver-General.

Charles Endicott of Canton,	97,902
Weston Howland of Fairhaven,	74,766
All others,	190

For Auditor.

Julius L. Clarke of Newton,	97,298
John E. Fitzgerald of Boston,	75,611
All others,	131

For Attorney-General.

Charles R. Train of Boston,	97,468
George F. Verry of Worcester,	74,608
All others,	447

And the following-named persons appear by the returns to be duly elected :—

Governor.—Alexander H. Rice of Boston.

Lieutenant-Governor.—Horatio G. Knight of Easthampton.

Secretary of the Commonwealth.—Henry B. Peirce of Abington.

Treasurer and Receiver-General.—Charles Endicott of Canton.

Auditor of Commonwealth.—Julius L. Clarke of Newton.

Attorney-General.—Charles R. Train of Boston.

The report of the joint committee on the votes for <sup>Votes for Coun-
cillors.</sup> Councillors was received from the Senate, and accepted in concurrence. It appeared from said report that the following-named gentlemen were elected in their respective districts, to wit:—

- District No. 1. Joseph K. Baker of Dennis.
- No. 2. Harrison Tweed of Taunton.
- No. 3. Alden Leland of Holliston.
- No. 4. James Sturgis of Boston.
- No. 5. Robert Couch of Newburyport.
- No. 6. George O. Brastow of Somerville.
- No. 7. George Whitney of Royalston.
- No. 8. William C. Plunkett of Adams.

Special Assignment.

At half-past eleven o'clock, Mr. King of Boston called ^{Chaplain.} for the special assignment, being the election of a Chaplain for the House.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Rogers of Chelsea, Bailey of Newbury, Hill of Beverly, Phinney of Plymouth, Hawkes of Lynn, and Carney of Boston, a committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Chaplain.

Mr. Rogers, from the committee, afterwards reported as follows:—

Whole number of votes,	204
Necessary for a choice,	103
Rev. Thomas Wilson of Stoughton,	84
Rev. J. W. Hamilton of Boston,	34
Rev. Joseph Cook of Boston,	18
Rev. George W. Cutter of Arlington,	13
Rev. F. G. Morris of Watertown,	10
Rev. S. W. Bush of Boston,	8
Rev. A. A. Miner of Boston,	7
Rev. W. G. Haskell of Lowell,	6
Rev. John Weiss of Boston,	5
Rev. R. G. Seymour of Boston,	4
Rev. W. W. Boyd of Boston,	3
Rev. C. W. Biddle of Lynn,	3
Rev. Pelham Williams of Boston,	1

Rev. Phillips Brooks of Boston,	.	.	.	.	1
Rev. William H. Ryder of Malden,	.	.	.	.	1
Rev. George L. Chaney of Boston,	.	.	.	.	1
Rev. J. P. Mendon of Boston,	.	.	.	.	1
Rev. Samuel E. Herrick of Boston,	.	.	.	.	1
Rev. Gilbert Haven,	.	.	.	.	1
Moses Kimball,	.	.	.	.	1
Rev. Samuel Johnson of Salem,	.	.	.	.	1
Rev. J. F. Clapp of Framingham,	.	.	.	.	1
Rev. C. W. Emerson of Westborough,	.	.	.	.	1
Rev. William B. Wright of Boston,	.	.	.	.	1
Rev. Thomas Griffin of Worcester,	.	.	.	.	1
Rev. B. F. Underwood of Boston,	.	.	.	.	1

And there was no choice.

On motion of Mr. Hill of Boston, the election of Chaplain was postponed until to-morrow at half-past eleven o'clock, A. M.

Governor and
Lieut. Governor
qualified.

Ordered, In concurrence, that a committee be appointed, to be joined, to inform the Hon. Alexander H. Rice that he has been elected, in the manner prescribed by the Constitution, Governor of the Commonwealth for the current political year, and that the legislature will be ready to attend upon him, in taking and subscribing the oaths required by the Constitution, and a law of the United States, to qualify him for the discharge of the duties of the office, at such hour as may suit his convenience.

Also, to inform the Honorable Horatio G. Knight that he has been duly elected Lieutenant-Governor of the Commonwealth for the current political year, and that the Legislature will attend upon him in taking and subscribing the oaths required by the Constitution, to qualify him for the discharge of the duties of the office, at such hour as may suit his convenience.

Messrs. Crane, Haynes and Howes, having been appointed by the Senate, Messrs. King of Boston, Reed of South Abington, Pew of Gloucester, Wellington of Cambridge, Barry of Boston, Mitchell of Nantucket, McCafferty of Worcester, Sawin of Boston, and Bates of Hopkinton, were joined on the part of the House.

Mr. King, from the committee, afterwards reported that the committee had waited upon the Governor and Lieutenant-Governor elect, and that they had signified their acceptance of the office, and their readiness to be qualified at the earliest convenience of the two branches.

A message was received from the Senate, proposing a joint convention forthwith, for the purpose of administering the oaths of office to the Governor and Lieutenant-Governor elect.

The proposition was concurred in, and Mr. Williams of Brookline was charged with a message to the Senate to that effect.

Joint Convention.

The Senate then came in, its President took the chair, and, the two branches being in convention, a committee, consisting of Messrs. Bowman, Weston, and E. L. Davis, of the Senate, and Messrs. Fuller of Boston, Leo of Boston, Bailey of Newbury, Gardner of Palmer, and Clapp of Framingham, of the House, was appointed to wait upon the Governor and Lieutenant-Governor elect, and inform them that the two branches are now in joint convention, and are ready to attend to the administration of the oaths of office. Joint convention.

Mr. Bowman, from the committee, afterwards reported that the Governor and Lieutenant-Governor elect would immediately attend upon the House.

The Governor and Lieutenant-Governor then came in, accompanied by various civil and military officers of the Commonwealth.

The oaths and affirmations of office were then, in the presence of the two Houses, and before the President of the Senate, administered to and subscribed by the Hon. Alexander H. Rice as Governor, and the Hon. Horatio G. Knight as Lieutenant-Governor, and proclamation thereof was made by the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

His Excellency then delivered an address to the Senators and Representatives. Governor's address.

After which the Governor and Lieutenant-Governor withdrew, the convention was dissolved, and the Senate withdrew to its chamber.

Councillors Qualified.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the Secretary of the Commonwealth give notice to Messrs. Joseph K. Baker, Harrison Tweed, Alden Leland, James Sturgis, Robert Couch, George O. Brastow, George Whitney, and William C. Plunkett, that they have been duly elected Councillors to advise the Governor in the executive part of the government for the current political year. Councillors qualified.

A communication was subsequently received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, announcing that the Councillors-elect had signified their acceptance of the office, and were ready to be qualified.

A message was received from the Senate, proposing a joint convention forthwith, for the purpose of administering the oaths of office to the Councillors-elect.

The proposition was concurred in, and Mr. Stone of Waltham was charged with a message to the Senate to that effect.

Joint Convention.

Joint convention.

The Senate then came in, its President took the chair, and, the two branches being in convention, a committee, consisting of Messrs. Fitz, Gaylord and Howard, of the Senate, and Messrs. Heywood of Worcester, Lawrence of Medford, McPherson of Boston, Washburn of Worcester, and Rogers of Chelsea, of the House, was appointed to wait upon the Councillors-elect, and inform them that the two Houses are in joint convention, for the purpose of administering the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them for office.

Soon afterwards, five of the Councillors-elect: viz., Messrs. Alden Leland, James Sturgis, Robert Couch, George O. Brastow, and George Whitney, came in, and in the presence of the two Houses, and before the President of the Senate, the oaths were taken and subscribed by them, and declaration was made accordingly.

The convention was then dissolved, and the Senate returned to its chamber.

Secretary to notify Governor.

On motion of Mr. Southwick of Lowell,—

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Commonwealth give notice to the Governor that Messrs. Alden Leland, James Sturgis, Robert Couch, George O. Brastow, and George Whitney, have been duly elected and qualified as Councillors to advise him in the executive part of the government for the current political year.

Sent up for concurrence.

Reference of Governor's address.

Ordered, In concurrence, that a joint special committee be appointed, to consist of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, to consider and report what disposition should be made of the several portions of the Governor's address.

Messrs. Robinson, Fitz and Bowman having been appointed by the Senate, Messrs. Kimball of Boston, Kellogg of Pittsfield, Hale of Boston, Pierce of Milton, Noble of Westfield, Stone of Waltham, Gargan of Boston, Osgood of Salem, and J. W. Hill of Boston, were joined on the part of the House.

Adjourned at 3, P. M.

FRIDAY, January 7, 1876.

Met according to adjournment at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Jones of Abington, a member of the House.

On motion of Mr. J. W. Hill of Boston, the reading of *Journal*. the journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

Special Assignment.

At half-past eleven o'clock, Mr. J. W. Hill of Boston, *Chaplain*. called for the special assignment, being the election of a Chaplain for the House.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Rogers of Chelsea, Bailey of Newbury, Hill of Beverly, Phinney of Plymouth, Hawkes of Lynn, and Carney of Boston, a committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Chaplain.

Mr. Rogers, from the committee, afterwards reported as follows:—

Whole number of votes,	215
Necessary for a choice,	108
Rev. Thomas Wilson of Stoughton,	100
Rev. J. W. Hamilton of Boston,	54
Rev. George W. Cutter of Arlington,	20
Rev. F. G. Morris of Watertown,	10
Rev. W. W. Boyd of Boston,	5
Rev. R. S. Pope of Hyannis,	5
Rev. W. G. Haskell of Lowell,	4
Rev. John Weiss of Boston,	4
Rev. Phillips Brooks of Boston,	3
Rev. W. B. Wright of Boston,	2
Reuben Noble of Westfield,	1
Rev. A. A. Miner of Boston,	1
Rev. Henry Ward Beecher,	1

Samuel Talbot,	1
Rev. C. W. Emerson of Westborough,	1
Rev. C. W. Biddle of Lynn,	1
Benjamin F. Butler of Lowell,	1
Rev. R. G. Seymour of Boston,	1

And there was no choice.

On motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, the matter of electing a Chaplain was laid upon the table.

Councillors
qualified.

A message was received from the Senate, proposing a joint convention forthwith for the purpose of administering the oaths of office to certain Councillors-elect.

The proposition was concurred in, and Mr. Hale of Boston was charged with a message to the Senate to that effect.

Joint Convention.

Joint conven-
tion.

The Senate then came in, its President took the chair, and the two branches being in convention, on motion of Mr. Fitz Gerald of Suffolk, it was—

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to wait upon such Councillors-elect as may be in readiness, and inform them that the two branches are now in convention for the purpose of administering the oaths of office to them, to qualify them for the discharge of their duties.

Messrs. Fitz Gerald, Palmer and Tripp, of the Senate, and Messrs. Noonan of Boston, Kendall of Cambridge, Cordis of Longmeadow, Reynolds of Monson, and Murphy of Worcester, of the House, were appointed.

Soon afterwards, two of the Councillors-elect—Messrs. Joseph K. Baker and Harrison Tweed—came in, and in the presence of the two Houses, and before the President of the Senate, the oaths were taken and subscribed by them.

The convention was then dissolved, and the Senate withdrew to its chamber.

Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. Ropes of Boston, the matter of an election of Chaplain was taken from the table, and, on motion of Mr. Morse of Canton, the House proceeded to another ballot, with the following result:—

Whole number of votes,	213
Necessary for a choice,	107
Rev. J. W. Hamilton of Boston,	103

Rev. Thomas Wilson of Stoughton,	98
Rev. John Weiss of Boston,	3
Rev. George W. Cutter of Arlington,	2
Miss Jennie Collins of Boston,	1
Rev. Phillips Brooks of Boston,	1
Rev. Seth Chandler of Shirley,	1
"Boss" Tweed,	1
Rev. C. W. Emerson of Westborough,	1
W. F. Brigham of Hudson,	1
Rev. Joseph W. Cross of West Boylston,	1

and there was no choice.

Mr. Ropes of Boston then moved that the Rev. Robert G. Seymour be declared the Chaplain of the House.

A motion of Mr. Nutter, of East Bridgewater, to amend by substituting the name of the Rev. J. W. Hamilton of Boston for that of Mr. Seymour, was rejected.

A motion by Mr. Croak, of Boston, to indefinitely postpone the election of Chaplain, was lost.

The motion of Mr. Ropes, as above stated, was then carried, and the Rev. Robert G. Seymour of Boston was declared the Chaplain of the House for 1876.

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the committee on Rules and Orders, recommending the adoption by the House of the rules and orders of the session of eighteen hundred and seventy-five, with an amendment to the twenty-first rule, striking out in the last line the words "a committee on Printing," and inserting the words "a committee on Rules and Orders."

Rules and orders.

Read and adopted.

Papers from the Senate.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the Secretary of the Commonwealth give notice to the Governor that Messrs. Joseph K. Baker and Harrison Tweed have been duly elected and qualified as Councillors to advise him in the executive part of the government for the current political year.

Councillors.

The report of the joint special committee appointed to consider and report what disposition should be made of the several portions of the Governor's address, was read and accepted in concurrence, as follows:—

Governor's address referred.

Samuel Talbot,	1
Rev. C. W. Emerson of Westborough,	1
Rev. C. W. Biddle of Lynn,	1
Benjamin F. Butler of Lowell,	1
Rev. R. G. Seymour of Boston,	1

And there was no choice.

On motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, the matter of electing a Chaplain was laid upon the table.

Councillors
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Joint conven-
tion.

The Senate then came in, its President took the chair, and the two branches being in convention, on motion of Mr. Fitz Gerald of Suffolk, it was—

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to wait upon such Councillors-elect as may be in readiness, and inform them that the two branches are now in convention for the purpose of administering the oaths of office to them, to qualify them for the discharge of their duties.

Messrs. Fitz Gerald, Palmer and Tripp, of the Senate, and Messrs. Noonan of Boston, Kendall of Cambridge, Cordis of Longmeadow, Reynolds of Monson, and Murphy of Worcester, of the House, were appointed.

Soon afterwards, two of the Councillors-elect—Messrs. Joseph K. Baker and Harrison Tweed—came in, and in the presence of the two Houses, and before the President of the Senate, the oaths were taken and subscribed by them.

The convention was then dissolved, and the Senate withdrew to its chamber.

Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. Ropes of Boston, the matter of an election of Chaplain was taken from the table, and, on motion of Mr. Morse of Canton, the House proceeded to another ballot, with the following result:—

Whole number of votes,	213
Necessary for a choice,	107
Rev. J. W. Hamilton of Boston,	103

Rev. Thomas Wilson of Stoughton,	98
Rev. John Weiss of Boston,	3
Rev. George W. Cutter of Arlington,	2
Miss Jennie Collins of Boston,	1
Rev. Phillips Brooks of Boston,	1
Rev. Seth Chandler of Shirley,	1
"Boss" Tweed,	1
Rev. C. W. Emerson of Westborough,	1
W. F. Brigham of Hudson,	1
Rev. Joseph W. Cross of West Boylston,	1

and there was no choice.

Mr. Ropes of Boston then moved that the Rev. Robert G. Seymour be declared the Chaplain of the House.

A motion of Mr. Nutter, of East Bridgewater, to amend by substituting the name of the Rev. J. W. Hamilton of Boston for that of Mr. Seymour, was rejected.

A motion by Mr. Croak, of Boston, to indefinitely postpone the election of Chaplain, was lost.

The motion of Mr. Ropes, as above stated, was then carried, and the Rev. Robert G. Seymour of Boston was declared the Chaplain of the House for 1876.

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the committee on Rules and Orders, recommending the adoption by the House of the rules and orders of the session of eighteen hundred and seventy-five, with an amendment to the twenty-first rule, striking out in the last line the words "a committee on Printing," and inserting the words "a committee on Rules and Orders."

Rules and orders.

Read and adopted.

Papers from the Senate.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the Secretary of the Commonwealth give notice to the Governor that Messrs. Joseph K. Baker and Harrison Tweed have been duly elected and qualified as Councillors to advise him in the executive part of the government for the current political year.

Councillors.

The report of the joint special committee appointed to consider and report what disposition should be made of the several portions of the Governor's address, was read and accepted in concurrence, as follows:—

Governor's address referred.

That so much of the said address as relates to savings banks be referred to the joint standing committee on Banks and Banking.

So much thereof as relates to railroads, to the joint committee on Railroads.

So much thereof as relates to the harbor commission, and so much thereof as relates to the South Boston flats, to the joint committee on Harbors.

So much thereof as relates to agriculture, to the joint committee on Agriculture.

So much thereof as relates to redistricting the State, to a joint special committee, to consist of seven on the part of the Senate, and twenty-one on the part of the House.

So much thereof as relates to a bureau of statistics, to a joint special committee, to consist of three on the part of the Senate, and eight on the part of the House.

So much thereof as relates to the Hoosac Tunnel, to a joint special committee, to consist of three on the part of the Senate, and eight on the part of the House.

So much thereof as relates to constitutional amendments and special laws, to a joint special committee, to consist of the members of the standing committees on the Judiciary of the Senate and the House.

So much thereof as relates to the state charities and insanity, to the joint standing committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

So much thereof as relates to woman suffrage, to a joint special committee, to consist of three on the part of the Senate, and eight on the part of the House.

So much thereof as relates to liquor-selling, to a joint special committee, to consist of three on the part of the Senate, and eight on the part of the House.

So much thereof as relates to education and to a new scientific survey of the State, to the joint standing committee on Education.

So much thereof as relates to the militia, to the joint standing committee on Military Affairs.

Joint rules and orders.

The report of the committee to whom was referred the preparation of joint rules and orders for the government of the two branches, was read and accepted in concurrence.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Lawrence of Medford,—

Chaplain-elect notified.

Ordered, That the Clerk be directed to inform the Rev.

Robert G. Seymour of Boston that he has been elected Chaplain of the House for the year 1876.

On motion of Mr. H. B. Hill of Boston,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns, it be to meet ^{Hour of meet-} on Monday, at two o'clock, P. M., and that hereafter that ^{ing.} be the hour of meeting, except on Saturdays, when the hour shall be eleven o'clock, A. M.

At 1.03, P. M., adjourned.

MONDAY, January 10, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Rev. R. G. Seymour, having accepted the office of Chaplain, appeared, and prayer was offered by him.

Committees Appointed.

The Speaker appointed the standing committees of the House, as follows:—

Committees
appointed—
House.

Judiciary.—Messrs. Pierce of Milton, Hale of Boston, Gardner of Palmer, Smith of Boston, Washburn of Worcester, Allen of Boston, Hawkes of Lynn.

Probate and Chancery.—Messrs. McCafferty of Worcester, Fuller of Boston, Swan of Lowell, Gargan of Boston, Parker of Milford, Seymour of Springfield, Cobb of Dedham.

Finance.—Messrs. Kimball of Boston, Rust of Boston, Breed of Lynn, Nichols of Haverhill, Loud of Winchendon, Converse of Woburn, Dean of Adams.

Elections.—Messrs. Pillsbury of Boston, Sleeper of Cambridge, Ward of Buckland, Hartt of South Scituate, Downer of Boston, Capron of Uxbridge, Dean of Berkley.

Bills in the Third Reading.—Messrs. Pope of Somerville, Perry of Norton, Fuller of Sturbridge, Ballou of Becket, Hoffman of Holliston, Goodsell of Marshfield, Tuttle of Salem.

Engrossed Bills.—Messrs. Wing of Yarmouth, Sullivan of Boston, White of Raynham, Gibbons of Granville, Fish of Athol, Winslow of Middleborough, Bird of Natick.

County Estimates.—Messrs. Small of Provincetown, Hunt of Sudbury, Wood of Whately, Fiske of Upton,

Hitchings of Saugus, Kingsbury of Foxborough, Smith of South Hadley.

Pay-Roll.—Messrs. Wallace of Weymouth, Gilmore of Stoneham, Read of Attleborough, Bartlett of Peabody, March of Charlton, Owen of Lanesborough, Amsden of Hudson.

Leave of Absence.—Messrs. Bates of Hopkinton, Reed of Dartmouth, Freeto of Marblehead, Wetherbee of Warren, Hathaway of Taunton, Doane of Orleans, Wilson of West Stockbridge.

Public Buildings.—Messrs. Hannum of Cambridge, Doherty of Boston, Preston of Beverly, Keith of Bridgewater, Hicks of Arlington, Bugbee of Webster, Bryant of Chesterfield.

Rules and Orders.—Messrs. Hale of Boston, Kimball of Boston, Kellogg of Pittsfield, Pierce of Milton, Noble of Westfield, Gargan of Boston, Osgood of Salem.

Joint Standing Committees.

Joint standing committees.

In concurrence, the joint standing committees were appointed as follows:—

Agriculture.—Messrs. Harwood and Tripp, *of the Senate.* Messrs. Mayo of Warwick, Smith of Lexington, Granger of Tolland, Nourse of Westborough, and Mackintosh of Needham, *of the House.*

Banks and Banking.—Messrs. Cummings, Brimhall and Parker, *of the Senate.* Messrs. Babson of Gloucester, Burr of Newton, Stone of Waltham, Evans of Everett, Hapgood of Boston, Lee of Boston, Wetherell of Worcester, and Osborn of Fall River, *of the House.*

Claims.—Messrs. Davis, H. W. Robinson and Palmer, *of the Senate.* Messrs. H. B. Hill of Boston, Miner of Phillipston, Saunders of Pepperell, Croak of Boston, Webster of Boston, Whitney of Belmont, Buckminster of New Bedford, and Hawks of Shelburne, *of the House.*

Education.—Messrs. Sargent and Crane, *of the Senate.* Messrs. Rice of Danvers, Clapp of Easthampton, White of Boston, Wilson of Taunton, and Keith of Granby, *of the House.*

Federal Relations.—Messrs. Palmer and Davis, *of the Senate.* Messrs. Morissey of Plymouth, Pillsbury of Boston, Holmes of Chelsea, Parker of Milford, and Searle of Grafton, *of the House.*

The Fisheries.—Messrs. Higgins and Howes, *of the Senate.* Messrs. Dennis of Rockport, Fisk of Dennis, McPherson of Boston, Merritt of Scituate, and Holley of Edgartown, *of the House.*

Harbors.—Messrs. Fitz, Howard and Wing, *of the Senate.* Messrs. Rogers of Chelsea, Jenks of Boston, Mitchell of Nantucket, Gifford of Westport, Kendall of Cambridge, Atkinson of Newburyport, Hall of Boston, and Hathaway of Marion, *of the House.*

Insurance.—Messrs. Hunt and Stedman, *of the Senate.* Messrs. Paul of Boston, Coveney of Cambridge, Knowlton of New Bedford, Howe of West Boylston, and Foque of Malden, *of the House.*

The Library.—Messrs. Sargent, Wing and Shores, *of the Senate.* Messrs. Winship of Wakefield, Sherman of Weymouth, and Daniels of Oxford, *of the House.*

Manufactures.—Messrs. Davis and Livingston, *of the Senate.* Messrs. Chase of Webster, Reynolds of Monson, Morrill of Amesbury, Partridge of Medway, and Morse of Canton, *of the House.*

Mercantile Affairs.—Messrs. Crane, Ayers and Rand, *of the Senate.* Messrs. Truell of Lawrence, McPherson of Boston, Shattuck of Colrain, Wade of Newton, Kirtland of Holyoke, Stacey of Boston, Thayer of Franklin, and Longley of Shirley, *of the House.*

Military Affairs.—Messrs. Fiske, Davis and Weston, *of the Senate.* Messrs. King of Boston, Wellington of Cambridge, Talbot of Boston, Pew of Gloucester, Wetherell of Worcester, Lee of Boston, Ingalls of Lynn, and Swett of Wellfleet, *of the House.*

Parishes and Religious Societies.—Messrs. Belcher and Sargent, *of the Senate.* Messrs. Slade of Fall River, Murphy of Boston, Bowen of Leominster, Crocker of Brewster, and Waterman of Kingston, *of the House.*

Printing.—Messrs. Fitz and Rand, *of the Senate.* Messrs. Noonan of Boston, Putnam of Salem, Huse of Newburyport, Sandford of Ware, and Stevens of Braintree, *of the House.*

Prisons.—Messrs. Howard, Flatley and Tripp, *of the Senate.* Messrs. J. W. Hill of Boston, Keith of Brockton, Merritt of Springfield, Appell of Boston, Batchelor of New Bedford, Nelson of Georgetown, Watts of Taunton, and Garity of Lowell, *of the House.*

Public Charitable Institutions.—Messrs. Stedman,

Belcher and Harwood, *of the Senate*. Messrs. Kellogg of Pittsfield, Reed of South Abington, Churchill of Boston, Haskell of Ipswich, Carney of Boston, Woods of Boston, Bailey of Newbury, and Barker of New Bedford, *of the House*.

Public Lands.—Messrs. Bates and Mayhew, *of the Senate*. Messrs. Cook of Hadley, Parker of Princeton, Howland of Mattapoisett, Taylor of Chicopee, and Coburn of Weston, *of the House*.

Railroads.—Messrs. Palmer, Haynes and Davis, *of the Senate*. Messrs. Williams of Brookline, Fairbanks of Fall River, Heywood of Worcester, Knapp of Lowell, Noble of Westfield, Osgood of Salem, Moseley of Boston, and Sawin of Boston, *of the House*.

Roads and Bridges.—Messrs. Howes and Gaylord, *of the Senate*. Messrs. Kimball of Revere, Woodward of Dunstable, Read of Freetown, Murphy of Worcester, and Bartlett of Essex, *of the House*.

State House.—Messrs. H. W. Robinson and Flatley, *of the Senate*. Messrs. Adams of Boston, Richmond of Harvard, Norton of Boston, Taylor of Haverhill, and Spaulding of Northampton, *of the House*.

Street Railways.—Messrs. Hunt, Brown and Fitz Gerald, *of the Senate*. Messrs. Shaw of Boston, Barry of Boston, Abbe of Springfield, Cook of Boston, Ayer of Lawrence, Whicher of Quincy, Hartwell of Lowell, and Noonan of Boston, *of the House*.

Towns.—Messrs. Ginnodo and Weston, *of the Senate*. Messrs. Walden of Lynn, Mann of Randolph, Root of Montague, Snow of Barnstable, and Russell of Pittsfield, *of the House*.

Water Supply and Drainage.—Messrs. Haynes, Neale and Parker, *of the Senate*. Messrs. Ropes of Boston, Sawyer of Methuen, Phinney of Plymouth, Lawrence of Medford, Warren of Boston, Clapp of Framingham, White of Acushnet, and Southwick of Lowell, *of the House*.

Joint Special Committees on the several portions of the Governor's Address.

Joint special
committees.

In concurrence, the following joint special committees were appointed:—

Hoosac Tunnel.—Messrs. Bowman, Mayhew and Fitz, *of the Senate*. Messrs. Stone of Waltham, Bradley of Worcester, Keith of Sandwich, Robinson of Boston, Burr

of Newton, Wadsworth of Boston, Coggs of Fitchburg, and Read of Adams, *of the House*.

Liquor Law.—Messrs. Stedman, Ginnodo and Bates, *of the Senate*. Messrs. Fuller of Boston, Hill of Beverly, Nutter of East Bridgewater, Gargan of Boston, Knowlton of New Bedford, Shattuck of Berlin, Van Deusen of Great Barrington, and Smith of North Andover, *of the House*.

Bureau of Statistics.—Messrs. Brown, Higgins and Fitz Gerald, *of the Senate*. Messrs. Truell of Lawrence, Jones of Abington, Prouty of Spencer, Knowlton of Gardner, Ropes of Boston, Richards of Springfield, Morse of Boston, and Sawyer of Salisbury, *of the House*.

Constitutional Amendments.—Messrs. Robinson of Hampden, Dacey, Bowman, E. Robinson of Plymouth, and Shores, *of the Senate*. Messrs. Pierce of Milton, Hale of Boston, Gardner of Palmer, Smith of Boston, Washburn of Worcester, Allen of Boston, and Hawkes of Lynn, *of the House*.

Woman Suffrage.—Messrs. Neal, Ginnodo and Fiske, *of the Senate*. Messrs. Stone of Waltham, Jones of Abington, Wade of Newton, Osborn of Fall River, Bowen of Leominster, Rice of Danvers, Knowles of Billerica, and Rogers of Chelsea, *of the House*.

Redistricting the State.—Messrs. Crane, Howes, Harwood, Brimhall, H. W. Robinson, Gaylord and Weston, *of the Senate*. Messrs. Kellogg of Pittsfield, Hale of Boston, Fairbanks of Fall River, Swett of Haverhill, Paul of Boston, McCafferty of Worcester, Whitney of Belmont, Noble of Westfield, Pierce of Milton, Jenks of Boston, Clapp of Easthampton, Norton of Boston, Hill of Beverly, Clapp of Framingham, Fisk of Dennis, Curtiss of Sheffield, Heywood of Worcester, Nutter of East Bridgewater, Seymour of Springfield, Estabrook of Lunenburg, and Brownell of Colrain, *of the House*.

Monitors.

The monitors of the House were appointed as follows :— Monitors.

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| 1st Division, . . . | Messrs. Alley of Marlborough,
Barry of Boston. |
| 2d Division, . . . | Messrs. Kennedy of Blackstone,
Dean of Berkley. |
| 3d Division, . . . | Messrs. Gleason of Hubbardston,
Clark of Lee. |

4th Division, . . .	Messrs. Lindsey of Marblehead, Bird, of Stoughton.
5th Division, . . .	Messrs. Mooney of Boston, Danforth, of Reading.
6th Division, . . .	Messrs. Supple of Boston, Cordis, of Longmeadow.

Drawing of Seats.

Drawing of
seats.

Under the rule the House then proceeded at once to the drawing of seats, Messrs. Pierce of Milton, Alley of Marlborough, and Barry of Boston, being appointed a committee to supervise the same.

Messrs. Sawyer of Methuen, Ropes, King and Hale of Boston, Mann of Randolph, Kendall of Cambridge, and Kellogg of Pittsfield, were, on motions made by members, severally allowed to select seats before the drawing began.

Petitions Presented.

Military com-
pany at Fram-
ingham.

By Mr. Clapp of Framingham, petition of E. P. Simpson and others, for authority to form a military company in Framingham. Referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Fidelity Assur-
ance Co.

By Mr. Kimball of Boston, petition of Ezra Farnsworth, Emory Washburn and others, to be incorporated as a Fidelity Assurance Company; and

Mutual insur-
ance laws.

Of E. E. Moulton, Walter Higginson and others, for amendment of the laws in relation to mutual insurance companies.

Severally referred to the committee on Insurance.

These papers were severally sent up for concurrence.

George H.
Sampson.

By Mr. Morissey of Plymouth, petition of George H. Sampson of Kingston, for a recount of votes for representative in the town of Kingston, 5th Plymouth District.

Michael Barr et
als.

By Mr. Hale of Boston, petition of Michael Barr, William Taylor and A. C. Daly, that the election for representatives in the 2d Suffolk District be declared null and void, and a new election ordered; and

Second Suffolk
District.

John C. Stimp-
son.

Of John C. Stimpson, for the seat as representative from the 18th Essex District, now occupied by Amos F. Breed of Lynn.

Severally referred to the committee on Elections.

New state
prison.

The third annual report of the commissioners on a new state prison was received by the Chair, referred to the committee on Prisons, and sent up for concurrence.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on Military Affairs consider the expediency of amending section 128 of chapter 313 of the Acts of the year 1873, entitled "An Act concerning the militia," so as to provide that the pay of the judge-advocate-general shall be the same as other staff officers.

On motion of the same gentleman,—

Ordered, That the committee on Prisons be instructed to consider the expediency of repealing chapter 155 of the Acts of the year 1873, entitled "An Act authorizing the construction of a new state prison building," and of acts in addition thereto or amendment thereof; or of modifying the same so as to provide for the erection of a smaller prison; and also the expediency of providing for improvements to the prison at Charlestown, and for the enlargement of the walled enclosure of the same.

On motion of Mr. Gargan of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on Banks and Banking consider the expediency of establishing a uniform rate of interest to be paid to all depositors in savings banks and savings institutions in this Commonwealth, with a provision for a division of surplus earnings not oftener than once in three years.

That they consider what legislation, if any, is necessary to prevent persons serving as trustees who are not members of the corporation of the bank or savings institution of which they are elected trustees.

That they consider the expediency of having two or more trustees in each savings bank and savings institution, one of whom shall be a member of the committee charged with the investment of its funds, appointed by the Governor and Council or the supreme judicial court.

That the committee consider the expediency of more frequent examination of savings institutions by the state commission, and the appointment, if necessary, of additional commissioners, to be paid from the tax levied upon savings institutions; and that each savings bank and savings institution shall be required, on application from any of its depositors, to furnish a true statement of its financial condition on the first day of the month preceding such application.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Reading of
journal.

On motion of Mr. J. W. Hill of Boston,—

Ordered, That hereafter the reading of the journal of the House be dispensed with, unless specially called for.

Liability of
stockholders.

On motion of Mr. Hale of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider what legislation is necessary to remedy a defect in the language of section 1 of chapter 177 of the Acts of 1875, relating to the liability of stockholders in manufacturing and other corporations for debts contracted before the original capital is fully paid in.

Custody of pub-
lic moneys.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on Finance consider whether any legislation is required in relation to the custody of the public moneys.

Governor's ad-
dress.

On motion of the same gentleman,—

Ordered, That so much of the address of His Excellency the Governor as relates to the finances of the Commonwealth be referred to the committee on Finance.

The following Order, offered by the same gentleman, was, at the request of Mr. Hale of Boston, laid over until to-morrow :—

Appropriation
bills.

Ordered, That the committee on Finance have authority to report from time to time such appropriation bills as they may deem necessary, and to employ clerical assistance.

Introduced on Leave.

Liquor law.

By Mr. Nutter of East Bridgewater, a Bill to facilitate the enforcement of chapter 99 of the Acts of 1875, entitled an "Act to regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors."

Read and referred to the committee on the Liquor Law.
Sent up for concurrence.

Trustee process.

By Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, a Bill to amend section 29 of chapter 142 of the General Statutes, concerning trustee process.

Read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Resolution.

Third-class mail
matter.

Mr. Morse of Canton offered a Resolution concerning postage on third-class mail matter, which was read and referred to the committee on Federal Relations.

Sent up for concurrence.

Taken from the Files.

On motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, the Bill relating to the doorkeepers, messengers and pages of the Senate and House of Representatives was taken from the files of last year and referred to the committee on Finance. Doorkeepers, messengers and pages.

Paper from the Senate.

A communication from His Excellency the Governor, Dr. S. G. Howe. announcing the death of Dr. Samuel G. Howe. Read and referred, in concurrence, to a joint special committee, to consist of Messrs. Fitz, Bowman and Neal, of the Senate, and Messrs. Kellogg of Pittsfield, Appell of Boston, Noble of Westfield, Hapgood of Boston, Rice of Danvers, Wetherell of Worcester, Wadsworth of Boston, and Gargan of Boston, of the House.

Reconsideration.

On motion of Mr. King of Boston, the vote whereby the House accepted the report of the committee on Rules and Orders, was reconsidered; and pending the recurring question on the acceptance of the report, the 99th Rule was amended, on motion of Mr. Croak of Boston, by striking out the words, "comprised in Cushing's Manual."

The report as amended was then accepted.

Adjourned at 3.35.

TUESDAY, January 11, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Allen of Boston, petition of George P. Hayward and others, for authority for the town of Hingham to take and hold the waters of Accord Pond for the purpose of supplying the town with pure water. Referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage. Hingham water supply.

By Mr. Osgood of Salem, petition of the Salem Street Railway and Naumkeag Street Railway in relation to certain bonds of said companies. Referred to the committee on Street Railways. Salem and Naumkeag Street Railway companies.

People's Savings
Bank—Fitch-
burg.

By Mr. Coggshall of Fitchburg, petition of Samuel E. Crocker and fifty-two others, for incorporation as the People's Savings Bank of Fitchburg.

Issue of bank-
notes by private
persons.

By Mr. Jones of Abington, petition of William B. Greene, E. H. Heywood and Benjamin R. Tucker, for repeal of sections 18, 19 and 20 of chapter 162 of the General Statutes, forbidding the issue of bank-notes by private persons.

Severally referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Herring River.

By Mr. Fisk of Dennis, petition of William Ryder, for the regulation of the tide-gate in Herring River, Harwich.

Hangman's
Island.

By Mr. Hall of Boston, petition of Thomas McKinley, for the use of Hangman's Island in Boston harbor.

Severally referred to the committee on Harbors.

Mary E. Bates.

By Mr. Clapp of Easthampton, petition of Mary E. Bates, for state aid.

Chas. A. Brown.

By Mr. Bailey of Newbury, petition of Charles A. Brown of West Newbury, for state aid.

Wm. P. Gil-
more.

By Mr. Swett of Haverhill, petition of Wm. P. Gilmore, for state aid.

Severally referred to the committee on Claims.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Boston Mercan-
tile Library
Association.

By Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, petition of the Mercantile Library Association of Boston, for amendment of its charter. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Introduced on Leave.

Newburyport
water supply.

By Mr. Bailey of Newbury, a Bill to supply the people of Newburyport with pure water. Read, referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, and sent up for concurrence.

Municipal in-
debtedness.

By Mr. Ropes of Boston, a Bill in addition to an Act to regulate and limit municipal indebtedness; and

Boston constables.

By Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, a Bill relating to constables of the city of Boston.

Severally read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Orders.

Savings banks.

On motion of Mr. Evans of Everett,—

Ordered, That the committee on Banks and Banking consider the expediency of authorizing savings banks to

gradually accumulate a sum not to exceed eight per cent. of their deposits, as a surplus fund for the security of depositors; and allowing the savings bank commissioner to employ, from time to time, so many clerks and examiners as may be necessary to discharge, in a proper manner, the duties imposed upon him by the laws of the Commonwealth; and to consider whether legislation is necessary requiring trustees of savings banks to examine more fully the treasurers' accounts of receipts and disbursements, and also, at least once in each month, to provide for a thorough examination of all the securities of savings banks, and report to the corporation.

On motion of Mr. Wetherell of Worcester,—

Ordered, That the committee on Banks and Banking Savings banks. consider the expediency of a law preventing the same person holding the office of trustee or director in more than one savings bank in the State at the same time.

On motion of Mr. Jones of Abington,—

Ordered, That the committee on Bureau of Statistics Protection of employees in factories, schooling of minors, hours of labor, etc. inquire and report to the House concerning the means of protection from accidents, and of escape from fire, in the factories of the Commonwealth; and also concerning the enforcement of the laws of the Commonwealth relating to the employment and schooling of children and minors, and to the hours of labor.

On motion of Mr. Pierce of Milton,—

Ordered, That the committee on Military Affairs Military expenses. consider the expediency of amending the laws concerning the militia so as to reduce materially the military expenses of the Commonwealth; and whether such expenses cannot be so reduced as not to exceed the sum of fifty thousand dollars annually.

On motion of Mr. Moseley of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on Insurance Insurance brokers' licenses. consider the expediency of advancing the price of insurance brokers' licenses.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Batchelor of New Bedford,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary Qualification of voters. inquire as to the expediency of amending the laws relative to qualifications of voters, by providing that no person naturalized shall be entitled to vote until having resided

in the city or town in which he claims the right to vote, for a period not less than three months subsequent to his naturalization.

Offences against
chastity, etc.

On motion of Mr. H. B. Hill of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending section 2 of chapter 165 of the General Statutes, relating to offences against chastity, morality and decency.

Right of trustees to mortgage
real estate.

On motion of Mr. Moseley of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of legislation giving to trustees of estates the right, under order of the judge of probate, to mortgage real estate.

Executors and
administrators.

On motion of Mr. Williams of Brookline,—

Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery consider the expediency of amending section 2 of chapter 97 of the General Statutes by inserting after the words "executor or administrator," in the sixth line of said section, the words "or of any party in interest."

Appropriation
bills.

The Order offered yesterday by Mr. Kimball, of Boston, and laid over until to-day, relative to the reporting of appropriation bills, was adopted.

Taken from the Files.

Co. I, 29th regt.

On motion of Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, the petition of Wm. D. Chamberlain and officers and privates of Co. I, 29th regiment, M. V. M., for compensation, was taken from the files of last year.

Jas. B. Colling-
wood.

On motion of Mr. Morissey of Plymouth, the petition of James B. Collingwood for indemnity under the provisions of section 64 of chapter 415 of the Acts of 1869, was taken from the files of last year.

Severally referred to the committee on Claims, and sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Ex-Gov.
Clifford.

The joint special committee, to whom was referred the communication of His Excellency the Governor concerning the death of ex-Gov. Clifford, reported the following Resolutions, which were adopted in concurrence:—

Resolved, That in the death of John Henry Clifford, ex-governor of Massachusetts, the Commonwealth has

lost one of its most useful, accomplished, and distinguished citizens. Whether his varied and well-trained powers were exerted in the cause of education, or in the execution of the laws, or exercised in debate in either branch of the legislature of this State, or tested in the responsible executive duties devolving upon him as the chief magistrate of this Commonwealth,—in all the positions of public trust he so worthily filled, he illustrated the ardor of his patriotism, the vigor of his intellectual powers, and added to the fame of the State which now mourns his death and honors his memory.

Resolved, That his private, no less than his public life, bore testimony to the wisdom, strength, beauty and grace of his personal character. Dignified without austerity, firm and decided in his convictions, yet courteous and deferential to those of his associates; with a power to apply his varied attainments to the practical affairs of business life, he added to the prosperity and happiness of his fellow-citizens by his services and counsel, and thus exemplified the peculiar republican simplicity of our system of government, which recognizes all public positions as temporary trusts, conferring honor only upon those who, by wise and pure administration, prove themselves worthy the no less honorable or responsible duties of private life.

Resolved, That we tender our sympathy to the family of the deceased, and that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to them.

Papers were referred, in concurrence, as follows:—

Order relative to printing ten thousand copies of the Governor's address, to the committee on Printing. Governor's address.

Report of the Cattle Commissioners on contagious diseases among cattle, to the committee on Agriculture. Cattle diseases.

At 3.25, adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, January 12, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

The estimates calling for appropriations for the several departments of the government for the year 1876, were Estimates for departments.

received from the Secretary of State and referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Morse of Canton offered the following Resolution, which was referred to the committee on Finance :—

Retrenchment.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this House, that every salary and every future appropriation be cut down to the lowest dollar consistent with the efficiency of the public service, and we are in favor of the strictest economy in every branch of the government.

State Industrial School for Girls.

An application for appropriation for the State Industrial School for girls for 1876, was received, referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, and sent up for concurrence.

Petitions Presented.

Worcester Light Infantry.

By Mr. Washburn of Worcester, petition of the Worcester Light Infantry for payment for property taken and used by the State; and

A. F. Howland.

By Mr. White of Acushnet, petition of Albert F. Howland, a disabled soldier, for an allowance.

Severally referred to the committee on Claims.

Worcester Light Infantry.

By Mr. Washburn of Worcester, petition of the Worcester Light Infantry for permission to go without the limits of the State. Referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Free passes.

By Mr. Clapp of Framingham, petition of S. C. Fay and others, for legislation to prohibit the granting of free passes over railroads to members of the legislature. Referred to the committee on Railroads.

Dudley and Webster.

By Mr. Chase of Webster, petition of Josiah Perry and others, for the annexation of a portion of the town of Dudley to the town of Webster. Referred to the committee on Towns.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Conn. Valley Masonic Relief Association.

By Mr. Brownell of Colrain, petition of Bowdoin S. Parker, for an Act to ratify and confirm the organization of the Connecticut Valley Masonic Relief Association.

Statuette Narcissus.

By Mr. Buckminster of New Bedford, petition of Charles Hazeltine, for the restoration of the statuette Narcissus.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Monitor Appointed.

Mr. Mooney of Boston was excused from serving as Monitor. monitor in the fifth division, and Mr. Holmes of Chelsea was appointed in his place.

Member Qualified.

Mr. Osborn of Fall River, a representative-elect, presented his credentials, and a committee, consisting of Mr. Fairbanks of Fall River, was appointed, who conducted him to the Council Chamber, and having been duly qualified, Mr. Osborn took his seat in the House. Member qualified.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Jones of Abington,—

Ordered, That the committee on Railroads inquire into the custom of various members of the legislature of riding on the free passes of certain railroads of the Commonwealth, and consider what action, if any, should be taken in the matter. Free passes.

On motion of Mr. Rice of Danvers,—

Ordered, That the joint committee on Education be instructed to inquire whether any further legislation is desirable to secure the better education of children employed in manufacturing and mercantile establishments. Education of children.

On motion of Mr. Pierce of Milton,—

Ordered, That the joint committee on Printing inquire as to the expediency of reducing materially the expenses of the state printing, and in what departments, and in what way, such reduction may be made; and also to report any facts as to the total cost of the state printing, and the items thereof, and the number and distribution of the reports of bureaus and other public documents, as they may deem useful for the information of the legislature, with a view to reduce such expenses. State printing.

On motion of Mr. J. W. Hill of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on Prisons inquire into the expediency of repealing chapter 370 of the Acts of 1870, being an Act for the appointment of commissioners of prisons, and for the classification and better discipline of prisoners; also any or all subsequent acts in relation thereto. Prison commissioners.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Washburn of Worcester,—
Deputy sheriffs, Suffolk County. *Ordered*, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to consider whether any legislation is necessary in relation to service of civil process, and deputy sheriffs, in Suffolk County.

On motion of Mr. Wade of Newton,—
Mesne process. *Ordered*, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of repealing such parts of the General Statutes as authorize the arrest of defendants in civil cases on mesne process.

On motion of Mr. Noble of Westfield,—
Employés of Sergeant-at-Arms. *Ordered*, That the Auditor be requested to furnish to the House, a statement of the number of persons employed by the Sergeant-at-Arms, and the amount of their compensation, from 1855 to 1875 inclusive.

On motion of Mr. Miner of Phillipston,—
Retrenchment. *Ordered*, That a committee of five be appointed, for the following purposes, to wit:—

To investigate all salaries and other expenditures paid from the state and county treasuries, and to report an equitable rate of compensation for each officer so paid, that shall be proportionate to the duties performed, and to designate any expenditure that may be diminished or dispensed with.

The committee shall have power to send for persons and papers, and shall make all suggestions and recommendations which will, in their judgment, tend to an honest reduction of expenses, and to the relief of the tax-payer.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Miner of Phillipston, Nutter of East Bridgewater, Wade of Newton, Ingalls of Lynn, and Partridge of Medway, as the committee.

On motion of Mr. Pillsbury of Boston,—
Geo. H. Sampson. *Ordered*, That in the investigation of the subject-matter of the petition of George H. Sampson of Kingston, the committee on Elections have power to send for persons and papers.

Mr. Jones of Abington offered the following Order, which was laid over until to-morrow, at the request of Mr. King of Boston,—

Retrenchment. *Ordered*, That a committee be appointed, consisting of eight on the part of the House, and as many as the Senate may join, to consider what reduction, if any, should be

made in the salaries paid by the Commonwealth, and in the other usual expenses of the government.

Papers from the Senate.

The following Order came down for concurrence, and was laid over until to-morrow at the request of Mr. Hale of Boston :—

Ordered, That the committee on Prisons be authorized to visit the prisons, jails, and the houses of correction in the Commonwealth, at such times as they shall deem expedient. Committee on prisons.

Papers were referred in concurrence as follows :—

Petition of the Mystic River corporation for the power to make additional docks, and for an extension of time to complete the same, to the committee on Harbors. Mystic River corporation.

Order relative to printing Senate journal, to the committee on Printing.

The following Order was referred in concurrence to the joint committee on Rules and Orders :—

Ordered, That the Clerks of the two branches cause to be prepared a list of the committees, in suitable memorandum form, not exceeding five hundred in number, for the use of members of the legislature; and that the cases to contain the books be of as good quality as can be supplied for a price not exceeding that heretofore paid. List of committees.

The joint special committee, to whom was referred the communication from His Excellency the Governor, concerning the death of Dr. Samuel G. Howe, reported, in part, that a committee consisting of four members of the Senate, and eight members of the House of Representatives, be appointed to attend the funeral of Dr. Howe; and Messrs. Neal, Howard, Rand and Gaylord having been appointed by the Senate, Messrs. Kellogg of Pittsfield, Appell of Boston, Noble of Westfield, Hapgood of Boston, Rice of Danvers, Wetherell of Worcester, Wadsworth of Boston, and Gargan of Boston, were appointed on the part of the House. Dr. S. G. Howe.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Pierce of Milton, from the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate on an Order relative to amending section 2 of chapter 165 of the General Statutes, relating to offences against chastity, morality and Offences against chastity, etc.

decency. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Manufacturing
and other cor-
porations.

By Mr. Hale of Boston, from the same committee, on an Order, a Bill to amend chapter 177 of the Acts of the year 1875, concerning manufacturing and other corporations.

Boston Mercan-
tile Library
Association.

By Mr. Allen of Boston, on petition of that association, a Bill to amend certain Acts relating to the Mercantile Library Association of Boston.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

At 2.40 P. M., adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 13, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Sergeant-at-
Arms—em-
ployés.

A statement of the Auditor, concerning the number and compensation of employés of the Sergeant-at-Arms, from 1855 to 1875, inclusive, was received, and, on motion of Mr. Osgood of Salem, was laid on the table and ordered to be printed. (See House Doc. No. 5.)

Auditor's de-
partment—sal-
aries and ex-
penses.

A statement of the salaries and other expenses of the Auditor's Department for 1875, was received, and referred to the committee on Finance.

Auditor's re-
port.

The 27th Annual Report of the Auditor of the Commonwealth, was received, and referred to the committee on Finance.

Taken from the Files.

Roger Williams.

On motion of Mr. Mackintosh of Needham, the petition of T. M. Merriman and others of Sturbridge, for an Act to revoke the sentence of banishment passed against Roger Williams by the General Court of Massachusetts Bay in 1635, was taken from the files of last year, and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Message from the Governor.

A message was received from His Excellency the Governor, transmitting certain reports, which were referred as follows :—

The annual report of the Surgeon-General, to the committee on Military Affairs. Surgeon-General's report.

The annual report of the Commissioners on Inland Fisheries, to the committee on the Fisheries. Commissioners of Fisheries.

The annual report of the Commissioners of Prisons, to the committee on Prisons. Prison commissioners.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

The annual report of the Chief Detective of the Commonwealth, to the committee on the Judiciary. Chief detective.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Jones of Abington, petition of 44 persons in Pembroke, 120 in Concord, and 86 in Stoneham; by Mr. Pew of Gloucester, petition of William H. Haskell and 210 others; by Mr. Small of Provincetown, petition of B. F. Hutchinson and 68 others; by Mr. Miner of Phillipston, petition of William A. Eaton and 55 others; by Mr. Noble of Westfield, petition of Mrs. George A. Walton and 205 others; and by Mr. Jones of Abington, petition of William R. Clark and 848 others; severally for woman suffrage. Severally referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage. Woman suffrage.

By Mr. Kimball of Boston, petition of Moses S. Wheeler, to be remunerated for wrongful imprisonment. Moses S. Wheeler.

By Mr. Rogers of Chelsea, petition of William M. Jenks, for state aid. Wm. M. Jenks.

By Mr. Truell of Lawrence, petition of F. B. Kellogg, for state aid. F. B. Kellogg.

Severally referred to the committee on Claims.

By Mr. Morrill of Amesbury, petition of the West Amesbury Branch Railroad Company, for leave to sell its road to the Boston & Maine Railroad Company. Referred to the committee on Railroads. West Amesbury Branch R. R. Co.

By Mr. Cobb of Dedham, petition of John Fisher, Edwin Whiting and others, for incorporation under the name of Proprietors of the Neponset River Meadows. Referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage. Neponset River Meadows.

By Mr. Morrill of Amesbury, petition of Wm. H. Haskell and 225 others, for a division of the town of Amesbury. Referred to the committee on Towns. Amesbury.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Boston—protection of persons.

By Mr. Shaw of Boston, petition of the mayor of Boston, for an Act protecting persons when assembled in public places of amusement.

Boston—polling places.

By Mr. Kimball of Boston, petitions of the mayor of Boston, for authority to establish additional places for polling votes; for legislation in relation to gunpowder; and for legislation in relation to the driving of cattle through the streets of Boston. Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Gunpowder.

Driving cattle.

Introduced on Leave.

Religious exercises in public schools.

By Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, a Bill concerning religious exercises in the public schools.

Read and referred to the committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Hale of Boston,—

Savings banks.

Ordered, That the committee on Banks and Banking consider whether any legislation is expedient to make more effective the provisions of chapter 49 of the Acts of 1868, relating to persons chosen trustees or other officers of savings banks, and to more precisely define their duties and responsibilities.

On motion of Mr. Webster of Boston,—

Id.

Ordered, That the committee on Banks and Banking be requested to consider the expediency of prohibiting by law the loaning of money by savings banks on unimproved lands, or other real estate not yielding an income. Also the expediency of so altering or amending section 145 of chapter 57 of the General Statutes, as to provide better security for moneys loaned by savings banks.

On motion of Mr. Hawkes of Lynn,—

Id.

Ordered, That the committee on Banks and Banking inquire into the expediency of amending section 1 of the Acts and Resolves of the year 1874, entitled "An Act relating to deposits in savings banks," by adding at the end of the section the words "or to officers of like unincorporated associations."

On motion of Mr. Pierce of Milton,—

Town subscriptions to railroad stock.

Ordered, That the joint committee on Railroads consider the expediency of repealing sections 35, 36, 37, 38

and 39 of chapter 372 of the Acts of the year 1874, which authorize towns and cities to subscribe for and hold the stock and securities of railroad corporations.

On motion of Mr. McCafferty of Worcester,—

Ordered, That the committee on Mercantile Affairs Rate of interest. consider the expediency of repealing chapter fifty-six of the Acts of 1867, relating to the rate of interest.

On motion of Mr. McCafferty of Worcester,—

Ordered, That the committee on Claims inquire what Mary Luddy. state aid Mary Luddy is entitled to receive, if any, and the amount thereof, and report by bill or otherwise for the payment of the same.

On motion of Mr. Root of Montague,—

Ordered, That the committee on Public Charitable Vagrants. Institutions consider whether any further legislation is necessary in regard to the relief of the towns and cities of the Commonwealth from the support of vagrants.

On motion of Mr. Hale of Boston,—

Ordered, That the joint special committee, to whom was referred so much of the Governor's address as relates to the Bureau of Statistics of Labor, consider the expediency of the immediate abolition of said bureau. Governor's address—Bureau of Statistics of Labor.

On motion of Mr. Miner of Phillipston,—

Ordered, That three members on the part of the House be added to the joint special committee to whom was referred so much of the Governor's address as relates to redistricting the State. Governor's address—Redistricting the State.

On motion of Mr. Williams of Brookline,—

Ordered, That the joint special committee on Constitutional Amendments consider the expediency of amending the third paragraph of article second of chapter six of the Constitution of Massachusetts, by striking out the words "president, professor, or instructor of Harvard College," so that these persons may be made eligible to election to the Senate and House of Representatives. Constitutional amendment—Harvard College.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Dennis of Rockport,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire Paupers. into the expediency of amending chapter 274 of the Acts of 1874, in relation to the settlement of paupers.

Mr. Kimball of Boston offered the following Order, which, at his request, was laid over :—

Boston congressional districts.

Ordered, That a committee, to consist of five members of the House, with such as the Senate may join, be appointed to consider and report such alterations of the lines of the congressional districts within the city of Boston as becomes necessary on account of the recent division of the city into new wards.

On motion of Mr. Shaw of Boston,—

Travelling expenses of committees.

Ordered, That the Auditor of the Commonwealth be instructed to report a detailed statement of the travelling expenses of committees of the legislature during the past year, giving the names of the committees, and the amount expended by each.

Free passes.

An Order offered by Mr. Clapp of Framingham, instructing the committee on Railroads to inquire into the expediency of legislation prohibiting committees and members of the legislature and officers of the Commonwealth from using free passes over railroads, was rejected.

On motion of Mr. Ropes of Boston,—

Reading of bills.

Ordered, That hereafter all bills, except on their first reading, be read by their titles only, unless the full reading is requested.

Retrenchment.

The Order offered by Mr. Jones of Abington, concerning reduction of salaries, etc., and laid over from yesterday, was rejected.

Papers from the Senate.

Papers were referred in concurrence, as follows :—

Grand Hotel Co.

Petition of William Washburn, for renewal of the charter of the Grand Hotel Company, to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Woman suffrage.

Petitions of L. G. Booth and 53 others; of Jacob Batchelder and 291 others; and of E. Dean and 123 others,—all in favor of woman suffrage, to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

State securities.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Expenditures examine into the condition of the securities in the hands of the retiring Treasurer and Receiver-General of the Commonwealth, and, if found to be correct, to transfer them to the Treasurer and Receiver-General-elect.

The following Orders, adopted by the Senate, were laid over, at the request of Mr. Hale of Boston :—

Ordered, That the committee on Public Charitable Institutions be authorized to visit such institutions at such times as they may deem expedient. Committee on Pub. Charitable Institutions.

Ordered, That the committee on Education be authorized to visit the several normal schools and the school for deaf-mutes. Committee on Education.

Ordered, That, with a view to an early prosecution of the business, and a speedy termination of the labors of the General Court, all persons having business to be here transacted be hereby requested and notified to present such business to the legislature forthwith; and that a copy of this order be printed for one week in each of the daily newspapers published in Boston, Springfield and Worcester. Legislative business.

The following was laid over at the request of Mr. Jones of Abington :—

Ordered, That so much of the Governor's address as relates to the Centennial Exhibition at Philadelphia be referred to a joint special committee, to consist of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join. Governor's address—Centennial.

The following was laid over at the request of Mr. Kellogg of Pittsfield :—

Ordered, That the committee on Public Charitable Institutions inquire and report by what authority Mary Drochin, of Northbridge, county of Worcester, was imprisoned and restrained of her liberty at the state work-house at Bridgewater from February, 1875, to June, 1875; and that the committee have power to send for persons and papers. Mary Drochin.

The Senate order laid over from yesterday, authorizing the committee on Prisons to visit prisons, jails and houses of correction, was rejected. Committee on prisons.

Message from the Senate.

A message was received from the Senate proposing a joint convention forthwith, for the purpose of administering the oath of office to William C. Plunkett, a Councillor-elect. Councillor qualified.

Mr. Kellogg of Pittsfield was charged with a message to the Senate to the effect that the House concurred in the proposition.

Joint Convention.

Joint convention.

The Senate then came in, its President took the chair, and the two branches being in convention, a committee consisting of Messrs. Bowman, Davis and Fiske of the Senate, and Messrs. Dean of Adams, Talbot of Boston, Howe of West Boylston, Alley of Marlborough, and Pew of Gloucester, of the House, was appointed to wait upon the Councillor-elect, and inform him that the two Houses are in joint convention for the purpose of administering the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him for office.

Soon afterward the Councillor-elect, Mr. William C. Plunkett, came in, and in the presence of the two Houses, and before the President of the Senate, the oaths were taken and subscribed by him, and declaration was made accordingly.

The convention was then dissolved, and the Senate returned to its chamber.

Paper from the Senate.

An Order subsequently came down from the Senate, and was adopted in concurrence, as follows:—

Councillor.

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Commonwealth give notice to the Governor that Mr. William C. Plunkett has been duly elected and qualified as Councillor to advise him in the executive part of the government for the current political year.

Reports of Committees.

Geo. H. Sampson.

By Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, from the committee on Elections, leave to withdraw on the petition of George H. Sampson for a recount of votes for representative in the town of Kingston, and for the seat as representative for the fifth Plymouth district.

Governor's address.

By Mr. Noonan of Boston, from the committee on Printing, that the Senate Order, that ten thousand extra copies of the Governor's address be printed for the use of the legislature, ought not to be adopted.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Orders of the Day.

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The report, inexpedient to legislate, of the committee on the Judiciary, on an Order relative to amending section 2, chapter 165 of the General Statutes, relative to offences against chastity, morality and decency, was accepted.

Bills :

To amend chapter 177 of the Acts of the year 1875, concerning manufacturing and other corporations ; and

To amend certain Acts relating to the Mercantile Library Association of Boston ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

At 4.25 adjourned.

FRIDAY, January 14, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

The following papers were received and referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions :—

Estimate of appropriations for the State Reform School Reform School. at Westborough for 1876.

Annual report of the state agent for aiding discharged Annual reports. convicts.

Twenty-eighth annual report of the trustees of the Massachusetts School for Idiotic and Feeble-Minded Youth.

Forty-fourth annual report of the trustees of the Perkins Institution and Massachusetts Asylum for the Blind.

Twenty-second annual report of the inspectors of the State Almshouse at Tewksbury.

Twenty-second annual report of the inspectors of the State Workhouse at Bridgewater.

Twenty-second annual report of the inspectors of the State Primary School at Monson.

Forty-third annual report of the trustees of the State Lunatic Hospital at Worcester.

Twenty-second annual report of the trustees of the State Lunatic Hospital at Taunton.

Twentieth annual report of the trustees of the State Lunatic Hospital at Northampton.

Twentieth annual report of the trustees of the State Industrial School for Girls.

Twenty-ninth annual report of the trustees of the State Reform School.

The twenty-fourth annual report of the Commissioners on Public Lands, was referred to the committee on Public Lands.

The report of the Librarian of the state library for the year ending September 30, 1875, was referred to the committee on the Library.

The annual report of the board of inspectors of the Massachusetts State Prison, was referred to the committee on Prisons.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

The following were referred to the committee on the Judiciary :—

Abstract of the returns of the sheriffs of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the year ending September 30, 1875.

Abstract of the returns of the registers of deeds of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the year ending September 30, 1875.

Petitions Presented.

Woman suffrage.

By Mr. Swett of Haverhill, petitions of B. H. Palmer and 224 others, and of Warren Ordway and 200 others; by Mr. Mitchell of Nantucket, petition of Alexander Macy, Jr., and 291 others; by Mr. Lindsey of Marblehead, petition of E. A. Lawrence and 95 others; by Mr. Nutter of East Bridgewater, petition of Caroline Scott and 148 others, severally for woman suffrage. Severally referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

Adams.

By Mr. Dean of Adams, petitions of George L. Rice and 95 others, and of B. F. Phillips, Daniel Jenks, and 200 others, severally for a division of the town of Adams. Severally referred to the committee on Towns.

Boston water supply.

By Mr. Ropes of Boston, petition of the mayor of Boston for legislation concerning the water supply of Boston. Referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

Nantucket Agricultural Soc.

By Mr. Mitchell of Nantucket, petition of the Nantucket Agricultural Society for change of time of holding its annual fair. Referred to the committee on Agriculture.

Lunatic hospitals.

By Mr. Smith of South Hadley, petition of W. A. Stearns and others, for legislation relative to lunatic hospitals. Referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Loud of Winchendon,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Liquor Law be

Seizure of
Liquors.

instructed to inquire into the expediency of reenacting section 42 of chapter 86 of the laws of 1855, which provides for the seizure of liquors under certain circumstances.

On motion of Mr. Daniels of Oxford,—

Ordered, That the committee on Education inquire into the expediency of the enactment of a law requiring towns of four thousand inhabitants and over to establish and maintain free public libraries. Free public libraries.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Hawkes of Lynn,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending section 58 of chapter 120 of the General Statutes, relative to fees, so that such fees shall be paid over in one year, instead of three years, as is now provided. Witness fees.

On motion of Mr. J. W. Hill of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire and report if any legislation is necessary to make clear the meaning of section 51 of chapter 179 of the General Statutes, relating to the sentence of convicts in the state prison. Sentence of convicts.

On motion of Mr. Croak of Boston,—

Ordered, That the state directors of railroad corporations be requested to inform the legislature why they have not reported to the legislature their doings, as provided by general laws of 1873. State directors.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston,—

Ordered, That no committee having authority to send for persons and papers shall summon any person or order the production of books or papers for any hearing before the committee, unless the names of parties and papers wanted have been considered by the committee and the summons ordered by a majority vote of such committee. Persons and papers.

Introduced on Leave.

By Mr. Atkinson of Newburyport, a Bill to authorize the appointment of a harbor-master for the port of Newburyport, and for the preservation of the harbor. Read, referred to the committee on Harbors, and sent up for concurrence. Newburyport harbor.

By Mr. Williams of Brookline, a Bill in relation to the affidavit of sale under a power of sale in a mortgage of Sale of mortgaged real estate by corporations.

real estate held by a corporation. Read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Pay of members.

By Mr. Clapp of Framingham, a Bill fixing the compensation of the members of the legislature. Read and referred to the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures.

Papers from the Senate.

Slaughtering of animals.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Agriculture be instructed to inquire whether any further legislation is necessary to secure humanity in the mode of slaughtering animals designed for food, and to report by bill or otherwise.

St. Mary's Total Abstinence Soc.

The following papers were referred in concurrence :—
Petition of Daniel McDougall and seven others, to incorporate the St. Mary's Total Abstinence Society, to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Mass. Society for Protection of Birds.

Petition of William Minot and others, for an Act of incorporation under the name of the Massachusetts Society for the Protection of Useful Birds, to the committee on Agriculture.

Woman suffrage.

Petition of Mrs. C. F. Knowlton and 83 others, for woman suffrage, to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

Reports of Public Charitable Institutions.

Resolve (on leave) in regard to the annual reports and estimates of the public charitable institutions, to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

State directors B. & A. R. R.

Report of Francis B. Hayes, one of the state directors of the Boston & Albany Railroad, to the committee on Railroads.

Taken from the Table.

Sergeant-at-Arms—employed.

The Auditor's statement of the number of persons employed by the Sergeant-at-Arms, and compensation paid them, from 1855 to 1875, inclusive, was, on motion of Mr. Noble of Westfield, taken from the table, and referred to the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures, with instructions to inquire into the expediency of reducing the number of persons employed by the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Orders Laid Over.

The Senate Orders :

Com. on Education.

Authorizing the committee on Education to visit the several normal schools and the schools for deaf-mutes ;

Authorizing the committee on Public Charitable Institutions to visit such institutions; Com. on Public Charitable Institutions.

Instructing an investigation into the imprisonment of Mary Drochin, of Northbridge, at the state workhouse at Bridgewater; and Mary Drochin.

Relative to termination of the labors of the General Court, and the publication of said Order in Boston, Worcester and Springfield papers; Legislative business.

Which were laid over yesterday, were severally rejected in non-concurrence.

The Senate Order, that so much of the Governor's address as relates to the Centennial Exhibition at Philadelphia be referred to a joint committee to be appointed, laid over yesterday, was amended, on motion of Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, by striking out the words "joint special committee to consist of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join," and inserting instead the words, "joint standing committee on Federal Relations." The Order as amended was adopted, in concurrence, and sent up for concurrence in the amendment. Centennial.

The Order for a joint special committee to consider alterations of the limits of congressional districts within the city of Boston, laid over yesterday, was amended on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, to read as follows:— Boston congressional districts.

Ordered, That the joint special committee on the Redistricting of the Commonwealth be instructed to consider and report such alterations of the lines of the congressional districts within the city of Boston as becomes necessary on account of the recent division of the city into new wards.

Adopted, as amended, and sent up for concurrence.

Orders of the Day.

The report, ought not to be adopted, of the committee on Printing on Senate Order relative to printing ten thousand extra copies of the Governor's address, was accepted, and the Order was rejected. Sent up for concurrence. Orders of the day.

The report, leave to withdraw, of the committee on Elections, on petition of George H. Sampson, for recount of votes in Kingston, and for the seat as representative occupied by Eleazer E. Waterman of the 5th Plymouth District, was accepted.

Bills :

To amend chapter 177 of the Acts of the year 1875, concerning manufacturing and other corporations ; and

To amend certain Acts relating to the Mercantile Library Association of Boston ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

At 3.20 adjourned.

SATURDAY, January 15, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

Woman suffrage.

By Mr. Lindsey of Marblehead, petition of William Claflin, J. E. Latimer, and 139 others of the faculty and students of Boston University, for woman suffrage. Referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

Medford and Malden.

By Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, petition of J. W. Chadwick and others, that a portion of the town of Medford be annexed to the town of Malden.

Hull.

By Mr. Hale of Boston, petition of Lewis P. Loring and others, for a change of name of the town of Hull to Nantasket.

Severally referred to the committee on Towns.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Brookline.

By Mr. Rust of Boston, petition of Moses Williams, for the confirmation of chapter 134 of Acts of 1875, authorizing the town of Brookline to borrow money, etc., and the acceptance thereof by the town of Brookline. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Laid on the Table.

Travelling expenses of committees.

The Auditor's statement of the travelling expenses of committees of the legislature for 1875, called for by an Order of the House, was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Com. on Public Charitable Institutions.

Mr. Rice of Danvers moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the House yesterday rejected the Senate

Order authorizing the committee on Public Charitable Institutions to visit such institutions, which motion was, on motion of the same gentleman, laid on the table.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Hale of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on Banks and Banking Savings banks. consider the expediency of providing by law that every savings bank and institution for savings in this Commonwealth shall state in its annual return to the commissioner the number of its outstanding loans which are of an amount not exceeding three thousand dollars each, and the aggregate amount of the same; and also of giving authority to the commissioner to prescribe each year such other additions to the form of the annual return as may seem to him advisable.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Swan of Lowell,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider Horse stealing. the expediency of changing the penalty as provided in section 48, chapter 161 of the General Statutes, which relates to driving away of horses and other animals.

On motion of Mr. Garity of Lowell,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider Sentences of convicts, and commutation thereof. whether any amendment to sections 51 and 52, chapter 179 of the General Statutes, is necessary to secure to convicts in the state prison who receive sentences at different terms of the superior court, the same rights, when their conduct is good, that are conceded to other convicts receiving similar sentences at the same term of said court; to the end that convicts sentenced to a given term of imprisonment at different terms of said court shall receive the same deduction from their sentences for good conduct in prison, other things being equal, as convicts sentenced at the same term of said court to the same term of imprisonment.

Papers from the Senate.

Petition of the mayor of Boston for the passage of an Boston. Act in regard to sewing in the public schools. Referred in concurrence to the committee on Education.

The House Order providing for the addition of three Redistricting committee. members on the part of the House to the joint special committee on Redistricting the State, came down with an

amendment providing for the addition of two members on the part of the Senate.

The amendment was concurred in, and Messrs. Fish of Athol, Knowles of Billerica, and Hall of Boston, were appointed on the part of the House.

Sent up to be joined.

Reports of Committees.

List of committees.

By Mr. Hale of Boston, from the joint committee on Rules and Orders, on an Order relative to lists of committees, a new draft thereof, consisting of two separate Orders, marked [A] and [B], as follows:—

[A.] *Ordered*, That five hundred copies of a list of the committees, in such form and style as the Clerks of the two houses may prescribe, be printed for the use of members.

[B.] *Ordered*, That the Clerks of the two houses be authorized to make a contract with J. W. Hodgdon to furnish not exceeding three hundred cases to contain the list of committees, of such form and style as said Clerks may approve, not inferior in quality to the sample which has been deposited by him in the office of the Clerk of the House of Representatives: *provided*, that such cases, complete, with such accessories as said Clerks may prescribe, shall be furnished at a price not to exceed two dollars and fifty cents each.

Auditor's expenses.

By Mr. Loud of Winchendon, from the committee on Finance, inexpedient to legislate, on the report of the salaries and other expenses of the Auditor's Department for the year 1875.

Doorkeepers, messengers and pages.

By Mr. Dean of Adams, from the same committee, on a Bill relating to the doorkeepers, messengers and pages of the Senate and House of Representatives, asking to be discharged from its further consideration, and recommending that it be referred to the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures.

Retrenchment.

By Mr. Nichols of Haverhill, from the same committee, on a Resolution concerning economy in the public service and appropriations, asking to be discharged from its further consideration, and recommending that it be referred to the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

By Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the committee on Finance, on an Order, a Bill in relation to the custody of the public moneys. Read and placed in the orders of the day for a second reading on Monday.

On motion of Mr. King of Boston, the seventh paragraph of the 96th rule of the House, allowing ten days for members to exchange seats, was suspended.

At 11.48 adjourned.

MONDAY, January 17, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Abbott of Watertown.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Clapp of Framingham, petition of John McGrath for aid on account of injuries received while in the employ of the State.

By Mr. Gargan of Boston, petition of George M. Weston for the payment of his account in connection with the allowance by Congress of the claims of Massachusetts arising in the war of 1812-15.

On motion of Mr. Thayer of Franklin, the petition of the selectmen of the town of Bellingham for reimbursement for the support of Montcalm S. Pettice, a state pauper, was taken from the files.

Severally referred to the committee on Claims.

By Mr. Burr of Newton, petition of the Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company for amendments to its charter. Referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

By Mr. Hale of Boston, petition of Josiah Quincy for a general law authorizing the formation of Mutual Sinking Fund Loan and Building Associations. Referred to the committee on Bureau of Statistics.

By Mr. Long of Hingham, petition of Nelson Burrows, John M. Smith, and Carlos Batchelder, commissioners under chapter 193, Acts of 1875, for further legislation concerning a highway and bridge across the Connecticut River at Turner's Falls. Referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Board of Education.

The thirty-ninth annual report of the Board of Education was received, referred to the committee on Education, and sent up for concurrence.

A Resolution.

The currency.

Mr. Pillsbury of Boston offered the following Resolution, which was referred to the committee on Federal Relations, and sent up for concurrence :—

Resolved, That an early return to a currency based on specie and interchangeable at par therefor, is demanded alike by good statemanship, sound policy and a due regard for the business interests of the country ; and the senators and representatives in Congress from this Commonwealth are hereby requested to forward the consummation of that event by all legitimate means, and to oppose the repeal of any existing legislation directed to that end.

Resolved, That His Excellency the Governor be requested to transmit a copy hereof to each senator and representative in Congress from this Commonwealth.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Evans of Everett,—

Savings banks.

Ordered, That the committee on Banks and Banking consider the expediency of amending section 138 of chapter 57 of the General Statutes, and section 1 of chapter 49 of the Acts and Resolves of 1868, so that persons elected to any office in a savings bank, and accepting the same, shall take the required oath of office within thirty days after such election.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston,—

Attorney-General.

Ordered, That the committee on Claims be authorized and instructed to request the attendance of the Attorney-General, or Assistant Attorney-General, at all hearings upon claims against the Commonwealth, with a view to the protection of the treasury of the State.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston,—

Plates and blank bonds.

Ordered, That the joint committee on Expenditures be authorized to destroy such plates or impressions from the same, or other blank bonds in the possession of the Treasurer and Receiver-General, as they may deem expedient.

On motion of Mr. Truell of Lawrence,—

Committees.

Ordered, That the several committees of the House and Senate be requested to organize forthwith, and proceed as

soon as practicable to consider the business assigned them ; to the end that the session of 1876 be a short one, and public expense thereby curtailed.

On motion of Mr. Kellogg of Pittsfield,—

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Commonwealth be requested to furnish for the use of the legislature the returns of the census of the legal voters for the years 1865 and 1875, in print, arranged in parallel columns, under the heads of senatorial, councillor, and representative districts. Census of voters.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Swan of Lowell,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary examine chapter 157 of the General Statutes, which relates to fees of certain officers, and ascertain if there are any changes required therein. Fees of officers.

On motion of Mr. Noonan of Boston,—

Ordered, That the Auditor be requested to report to the House the amount expended for printing, binding and stationery during the past year ; giving, in detail, the number, cost and character of the several reports and public documents. Also, that the Auditor be requested to transmit therewith a copy of the last contract made for the state printing in 1872, for the information of the legislature. State printing.

The following Order, offered by Mr. Allen of Boston, was laid over at the request of Mr. Jones of Abington :—

Ordered, That five thousand additional copies of the Governor's address be printed. Governor's address.

The following, offered by Mr. Morse of Canton, was laid over at the request of Mr. Kellogg of Pittsfield :—

Ordered, That the committee on Railroads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of requiring the railroad corporations in this Commonwealth to furnish free passes over their respective roads to members of the legislature during the regular and special sessions, and to the Governor and Council and heads of departments during the year for which they shall have been elected. Free passes.

The following, offered by Mr. Fisk of Dennis, was also laid over, at the request of Mr. Jones of Abington :—

Ordered, That the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures consider the expediency of providing that Religious services.

the expense of all devotional or religious services of the legislature be paid by the members thereof.

Papers from the Senate.

Glades Association.

Petition of John C. Sharp, Leverett Saltonstall and Frederick L. Ames, to be incorporated under the name of the Glades Association. Referred in concurrence to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Manual.

The following Order was referred in concurrence to the committee on Printing:—

Ordered, That the Clerks of the two branches cause to be printed and bound in suitable form, twenty-five hundred copies of the rules and orders of the two branches, with lists of the several standing and special committees, together with such other matters as may be considered practicable in a legislative manual.

Board of State Charities.

The twelfth annual report of the Board of State Charities came down from the Senate referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions. The House concurred in the reference, with an amendment, that so much of the report as refers to prisons be referred to the committee on Prisons. Sent up for concurrence in the amendment.

Senate journal.

The report of the committee on Printing, ought to pass, on an Order relative to printing the Senate journal, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Free public libraries.

Notice was received of the rejection by the Senate of the House Order relative to requiring towns of more than four thousand inhabitants to establish and maintain free public libraries.

Reports of a Committee.

Conn. Valley Masonic Relief Association.

By Mr. Smith of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Bowdoin S. Parker for an Act to ratify and confirm the organization of the Connecticut Valley Masonic Relief Association.

Qualification of voters.

By Mr. Gardner of Palmer, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to amending the laws in relation to the qualifications of voters recently naturalized.

Statuette Narcissus.

By Mr. Pierce of Milton, from the same committee,

leave to withdraw, on the petition of Charles Hazeltine for the restoration of the statuette Narcissus.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Orders of the Day.

The report of the joint committee on Rules and Orders, ^{Orders of the day.} on an Order relative to lists of committees, was accepted, and Orders [A] and [B] recommended by them were adopted and sent up for concurrence.

Reports of the committee on Finance :

No legislation necessary on a statement of the salaries and other expenses of the Auditor's department for 1875 ;

Asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Bill relating to the doorkeepers, messengers and pages of the Senate and House of Representatives ; and

From further consideration of the Resolution concerning economy in the public service and appropriations, and recommending that they be referred to the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures ;

Were severally accepted.

The Bill in relation to the custody of the public moneys was read, amendments moved by Messrs. Pillsbury, Hale and Kimball of Boston were adopted, and the bill as amended was placed in the orders of the day for a third reading to-morrow.

Adjourned at 3.23.

TUESDAY, January 18, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Warren of Boston, petition of Horace W. Stickney and others for incorporation as the Trustees of Bethesda Lodge, No. 30, I. O. O. F. Referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. ^{Bethesda Lodge, I. O. O. F.}

By Mr. Smith of Boston, petition of the Old Colony Railroad Company and the Boston and Providence Railroad Company for leave to hold stock in the Union Freight ^{Old Colony and Providence railroads.}

Railway Company. Referred to the committee on Railroads.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Constables of Boston.

By Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, petition of William Gaston and 100 others; of W. S. Hutchinson and 11 others; of C. F. Loring and 8 others; and of Horace R. Cheney and 96 others, members of the Suffolk bar, severally in aid of the Bill relating to constables of the city of Boston.

W. J. Sutherland.

By Mr. Cook of Boston, petition of W. J. Sutherland for reversal of a decision of the superior court.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

School fund.

The annual report of the Commissioners of the Massachusetts School Fund was received and referred to the committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence.

Universal amnesty.

Mr. Parker of Milford offered a Resolution in favor of universal amnesty, which was read and referred to the committee on Federal Relations. Sent up for concurrence.

Orders.

Committee on prisons.

On motion of Mr. J. W. Hill of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on Prisons be authorized to visit the state prison at Charlestown, and also the new state prison in process of erection at Concord, in connection with matters now under consideration by them.

Worcester Lunatic Hospital.

On motion of Mr. Washburn of Worcester,—

Ordered, That the joint committee on Public Charitable Institutions consider the expediency of the appointment of a commission, consisting of three suitable persons, who shall receive a fair compensation for their services, to take charge of the completion of the lunatic hospital at Worcester and the disposal of the property of the State there which may no longer be needed for hospital purposes, and of relieving the trustees of that institution, whose service is rendered wholly without compensation, from a duty not contemplated in their original appointment.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Adoption of children.

On motion of Mr. Pierce of Milton,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending existing laws concerning the adoption of children.

On motion of Mr. Merritt of Springfield,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider Freight, etc. whether any further legislation is needed to protect the public against loss or damage done freight and merchandise when in transit by railroad or by common carriers.

Introduced on Leave.

By Mr. Fairbanks of Fall River, a Bill to amend section 9 of chapter 124 of the General Statutes, relative to discharge of persons arrested on mesne process.

Read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Croak of Boston, a Bill providing for the administration and supervision of state charities.

Read, referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, and sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Petition of D. B. Ingalls and others of Clinton for authority to take water from Sandy Pond. Referred in concurrence to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on the Bureau of Statistics of Labor inquire into the expediency of abolishing said Bureau, and transferring its duties to the Secretary of State, and of providing the necessary legislation for procuring such statistics of labor and information regarding the same as will enable the Secretary to make an annual report to the legislature.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, from the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to arrest of defendants in civil cases on mesne process.

By Mr. Washburn of Worcester, from the same committee, leave to withdraw, on petitions of T. M. Merriman and others for an Act to revoke the sentence of banishment passed against Roger Williams by the General Court of Massachusetts Bay in 1635.

By Mr. H. B. Hill of Boston, from the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on petition of W. D. Chamberlin and others of Company I, 29th regiment Massachusetts Volunteers, for compensation.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Justices' fees.

By Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, from the committee on the Judiciary, on an Order, a Bill to amend section 58 of chapter 120 of the General Statutes, relative to fees remaining in the hands of justices of the peace.

Municipal indebtedness.

By Mr. Pierce of Milton, from the same committee, that the Bill (on leave) in addition to an Act to regulate and limit municipal indebtedness ought to pass in a new draft, entitled a "Bill in relation to debts incurred to supply cities and towns with pure water."

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Third-class mail matter.

By Mr. Morissey of Plymouth, from the committee on Federal Relations, that the Resolution concerning postage on third-class mail matter ought to pass in a new draft.

Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Newburyport water supply.

By Mr. Ropes of Boston, from the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, that the Bill (on leave) to supply the people of Newburyport with pure water ought not to pass.

On motion of Mr. Lawrence of Medford, the rule was suspended, and the bill was rejected, as recommended by the committee.

Brookline.

By Mr. Hale of Boston from the committee on the Judiciary, on petition of Moses Williams, Jr., a Bill to confirm the acceptance of chapter 134 of the Acts of the year 1875, by the town of Brookline.

On motion of the same gentleman the rules were suspended, the bill took its several readings, was passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Taken from the Table.

Committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

The motion of Mr. Rice of Danvers, to reconsider the vote whereby the House rejected the Senate Order authorizing the committee on Public Charitable Institutions to visit such institutions, was, on motion of that gentleman, taken from the table, the motion was carried, and the order was adopted in concurrence, with an amendment moved by Mr. Kimball of Boston, confining the visits referred to to the public charitable institutions in this Commonwealth.

Sent up for concurrence in the amendment.

Orders Laid Over.

The Order relative to expense of religious services of the legislature, laid over yesterday, was rejected. Religious service.

The Order to print 5,000 additional copies of the Governor's address, laid over yesterday, was referred under the rule to the committee on Printing, and sent up for concurrence. Governor's address.

The Order relative to requiring railroad corporations to furnish free passes to the members of the legislature, and certain state officers, laid over yesterday, was rejected.

Orders of the Day.

Reports of the committee on the Judiciary :

Inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to amending the laws relative to qualification of voters ;

Leave to withdraw, on the petition of Charles Hazeltine for the restoration of the statuette Narcissus ; and

Leave to withdraw, on the petition of Bowdoin S. Parker for an Act to ratify and confirm the organization of the Connecticut Valley Masonic Relief Association ;

Were severally accepted.

The report of the committee on Printing, that the Order relative to printing five hundred copies of the Senate journal ought to pass,

Was accepted in concurrence.

The Bill in relation to the custody of the public moneys, was read, amended on motion of Mr. Croak of Boston, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

At 4.45, adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, January 19, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Hawks of Shelburne, petition of O. R. Maynard and others for change of name of the Shelburne Falls Five Cents Savings Bank. Referred to the committee on Banks and Banking. Shelburne Falls Five Cents Savings Bank.

Bradford highway landing.

By Mr. Taylor of Haverhill, petition of the selectmen of the town of Bradford for discontinuance of a highway landing. Referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Mass. Family Bank.

By Mr. Hale of Boston, petition of Elizur Wright, William Claflin and others for incorporation as the Massachusetts Family Bank; and by the same gentleman, petition of George Tyler Bigelow and 420 others of Boston, in aid of the same. Severally referred to the committee on Insurance.

Collateral Loan Co.

By Mr. Ropes of Boston, petition of the Collateral Loan Company of Boston for amendment of its charter. Referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

5th Suffolk District.

By Mr. Hale of Boston, petition of Edward J. Jenkins of Boston for the seat as representative from the fifth Suffolk district now held by George A. Shaw. Referred to the committee on Elections.

Trustee of wages.

By Mr. Jones of Abington, petition of John Bowdlear for the repeal of the law under which a person's wages may be trustee.

Claims for damages.

By Mr. Smith of Boston, petition of the mayor of Boston for legislation relative to the reference of claims for damages incurred in making public improvements.

Boston constables.

By Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, petition of N. B. Bryant and 10 others; of Thomas Dean and 11 others; and of A. A. Ranney and 81 others, members of the Suffolk bar, in aid of the Bill relating to constables of the city of Boston.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Evans of Everett,—

Liquor law.

Ordered, That the committee on the Liquor Law consider the expediency of amending sections 4 and 5 of chapter 99 of the Acts of 1875, so that cities or towns may, in May next or thereafter, vote that no license shall be granted in such cities or towns for the sale of intoxicating liquors, except for chemical, medicinal and mechanical purposes; and that, in case a majority of the votes cast is against such license, the sale of such liquors shall be prohibited. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Pierce of Milton,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of compensating, at the expense of the Commonwealth, the counsel assigned in capital causes to such accused parties as are without means to pay their own counsel. Counsel assigned by Commonwealth.

On motion of Mr. Washburn of Worcester,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending sections 35 and 42 of chapter 376 of the Acts of 1874, relating to elections. Elections.

On motion of Mr. Truell of Lawrence,—

Ordered, That the Auditor be requested to furnish for the use of the House, a statement of the expenses of the Surgeon-General and his assistants, for the years 1873, 1874 and 1875. Surgeon-General's expenses.

Papers from the Senate.

Petition of the Cape Cod Ship Canal Company for an extension of the time in which to commence their canal. Referred in concurrence to the committee on Harbors. Cape Cod Ship Canal.

The report of the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, asking to be discharged from the consideration of the report of the Trustees of the Perkins Institution and Massachusetts Asylum for the Blind, was accepted, in concurrence, and said report was referred in concurrence to the committee on Education. Perkins Institution, etc.

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, from the committee on Elections, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Michael Barr, William Taylor and Anthony C. Daly, that the election of representatives in the second Suffolk district be declared null and void, and a new election ordered. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Second Suffolk District.

Orders of the Day.

Reports of the committee on the Judiciary :
Inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to arrest of defendants in civil cases on mesne process ; and Orders of the day.

Leave to withdraw, on the petition of T. M. Merriman and others for an Act to revoke the sentence of banish-

ment passed against Roger Williams by the General Court of Massachusetts Bay in 1635 ;

Were severally accepted.

The report of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on petition of W. D. Chamberlin and others of Company I, 29th Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteers, for compensation, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To amend section 58 of chapter 120 of the General Statutes, relative to fees remaining in the hands of justices of the peace ; and

In relation to debts incurred to supply cities and towns with pure water ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The Resolution concerning postage on third-class mail matter was adopted and sent up for concurrence.

At 3.55, adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 20, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

W. H. Hammond.

By Mr. Small of Provincetown, petition of Wm. H. Hammond for state aid. Referred to the committee on Claims.

Discharged convicts.

By Mr. Fuller of Boston, petition of Daniel Russell for an increase of the appropriation in aid of discharged convicts. Referred to the committee on Prisons.

Woman suffrage.

By Mr. Knowlton of New Bedford, petition of William J. Potter and 156 others for woman suffrage. Referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Trustee process.

By Mr. Garity of Lowell, petition of Charles R. Blaisdell and others for legislation relative to the trustee process. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Laid on the Table.

The following papers received from the Auditor, were, on motion of Mr. Loud of Winchendon, laid upon the table and ordered to be printed :—

Statement of the amount expended for printing, binding and stationery during the past year, giving in detail the number, cost and character of the several reports and public documents, with a copy of the last contract made for the state printing, in 1872. (House Doc., No. 17.) Printing, binding and stationery.

Statement of the expenses of the Surgeon-General and his assistant for the years 1873, 1874 and 1875. (House Doc., No. 16.) Surgeon-General.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Pillsbury of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on Banks and Banking consider the expediency of legislation requiring savings bank corporations to see that the insurable property on which the funds of depositors are loaned is kept insured for the benefit of the corporation during the continuance of such loan. Savings banks.

On motion of Mr. Loud of Winchendon,—

Ordered, That the committee on Banks and Banking consider the expediency of so amending the laws in relation to investments by savings banks as to make the trustees or investing committees of savings banks liable in cases of loss arising from loans made contrary to law. ib.

On motion of Mr. Pierce of Milton,—

Ordered, That the committee on Prisons consider the expediency of legislation authorizing the transfer of persons convicted of vagrancy from jails and houses of correction to the state workhouse. Vagrants.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Dennis of Rockport,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending chapter 24 of the General Statutes, in regard to enginemen. Enginemen.

On motion of Mr. Pierce of Milton,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of legislation as to the number of the constables of the city of Boston, and the mode of their appointment. Boston constables.

Poll-taxes. On motion of Mr. King of Boston,—
Ordered, That the committee on Elections consider the expediency of establishing by law a uniform rate of poll-tax throughout the Commonwealth, and whether the annual payment of the same ought to be required as a condition of voting.

The following Order, offered by Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, was, at request of that gentleman, laid over until to-morrow :—

Committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Ordered, That each visit of the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, to such institutions as they may visit under the authority heretofore conferred, be made by a sub-committee of not more than five members.

Papers from the Senate.

Persons and papers.

The House Order relative to the summoning of witnesses and sending for persons and papers by committees, came down with an amendment, which was concurred in, providing that the vote specified in said order may be a majority of the members present and voting.

College of Pharmacy.

The petition of the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy for amendment of its charter, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Eastern R. R. Co.

A Bill for the relief of the Eastern Railroad Company and the securing of its debts and liabilities, introduced on leave in the Senate, was read and referred in concurrence to the committee on Railroads.

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Cobb of Dedham, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, on an Order to consider the expediency of amending section 2 of chapter 97 of the General Statutes, adopted January 11,

Bills :

Executors and administrators.

To amend section 2 of chapter 97, and section 16 of chapter 102, of the General Statutes, relating to the filing of affidavits of executors and administrators ; and

Id.

In relation to perpetuating evidence of notices of appointment and sale of real estate by executors and administrators.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Orders of the Day.

The report, leave to withdraw, of the committee on Elections, on the petition of Michael Barr, William Taylor and A. C. Daly, that the election for representatives in the 2d Suffolk district be declared null and void and a new election ordered, was accepted. Orders of the day.

Bills :

To amend section 58 of chapter 120 of the General Statutes relative to fees remaining in the hands of justices of the peace ; and

In relation to debts incurred to supply cities and towns with pure water ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

At 2.22, P. M., adjourned.

FRIDAY, January 21, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Bryant of Chesterfield, petition of W. H. Bates and 65 others, for amendment of the dog laws. Dog laws.
Referred to the committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. Wilson of West Stockbridge, petition of the officers and trustees of the Miners' Savings Bank of West Stockbridge for limitation of the dividends of savings banks to five per cent. Referred to the committee on Banks and Banking. Miners' Savings Bank.

By Mr. Nourse of Westborough, petition of Peter Fay and others, members of the Pilgrim Evangelical Society, of Southborough, for right to hold land for parsonage purposes. Referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies. Pilgrim Evangelical Society.

By Mr. Evans of Everett, petition of the inhabitants of the town of Everett for legislation requiring the Eastern Railroad Company to furnish suitable depot accommodations in that town. Referred to the committee on Railroads. Everett—Eastern R. R. Co.

Dudley and
Webster.

By Mr. March of Charlton, remonstrance of Moses Barnes, Jr., and 125 others, against the annexation of a part of the town of Dudley to the town of Webster. Referred to the committee on Towns.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Woodlawn
Cemetery.

By Mr. Smith of Boston, petition of James Adams and others, trustees, for legislation concerning Woodlawn Cemetery, in Everett. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Deputy Tax
Commissioner.

The annual report of the Deputy Tax Commissioner was received, and on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Croak of Boston,—

Savings banks.

Ordered, That the committee on Banks and Banking consider the expediency of prohibiting the loaning by savings institutions of more than fifty per cent. of the assessed value of improved real estate; and also that their annual statement of loans made shall show the assessed value of each estate on which a loan has been made, with the amount of such loan. Also to consider the expediency of providing by law that the president, treasurer and attorney of savings institutions shall not be members of the committee of investment of such institutions where they hold either of these offices.

On motion of Mr. Hale of Boston,—

Sewing.

Ordered, That the committee on Education consider the expediency of a general law to include sewing among the branches to be taught in the public schools in which the school committee deem it expedient, and to confirm the action of the school committee in any city or town in teaching sewing heretofore.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Committee on
Public Char-
itable Institu-
tions.

The Order offered yesterday by Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, and laid over, relative to visits by the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, was adopted, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Taylor of Haverhill,—

Clerks of police
courts.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of so far amending section 9 of chapter 116 of the General Statutes, as to allow clerks of

police courts to prosecute criminal proceedings in their respective courts, without receiving any pay from any source for such service, in addition to their respective salaries as such clerks.

On motion of Mr. Hale of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on State Salaries and ^{Salaries.} Expenditures be requested to report a table showing the present salaries of the officers named in the bills reported by them, and the date at which said salaries were established at the present rate, and what was the salary paid previous to such date in each case.

The following Order, offered by Mr. Supple of Boston, was laid over at the request of Mr. Pillsbury of Boston :—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of legislation to relieve any person whose estate may be mortgaged, from paying a tax on the amount of such mortgage; such amount, under the existing laws, being subject to a double tax. ^{Taxation of mortgages.}

The following, offered by Mr. Noble of Westfield, was laid over at the request of Mr. Ropes of Boston :—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns on Friday of each week, it be to meet on the succeeding Monday, until otherwise ordered. ^{Hour of meeting.}

On motion of Mr. Noble of Westfield, it was voted, ^{th.} that when the House adjourns, it be to meet on Monday next at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Introduced on Leave.

By Mr. Osgood of Salem, a Bill relating to the preservation and recount of ballots. ^{Ballots.} Read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Papers from the Senate.

The following Order was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Printing,—

Ordered, That three hundred extra copies of the report of the Surgeon-General be printed and placed at his disposal for distribution. ^{Surgeon-General.}

The joint special committee to whom was referred the communication of His Excellency the Governor concerning the death of Dr. Samuel G. Howe, reported the fol- ^{Dr. S. G. Howe.}

lowing resolutions, which were read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday :—

Resolved, That the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, ever mindful of the welfare of the poor and the claims of the unfortunate among its people, recalls with gratitude the years of constant and efficacious service devoted by the late Dr. Samuel G. Howe to the education of the blind, the deaf and the feeble-minded children of this Commonwealth, to the improvement of the discipline of prisons and reform schools, to the better care of the insane, the prevention of pauperism, and, in general, to the public charities of Massachusetts, with which he had been for a whole generation officially connected.

Resolved, That special mention ought to be made of that grand achievement of science and patient beneficence, the education by Dr. Howe of deaf, dumb and blind children, in such a manner as to restore them to that communication with their friends and with the world which others enjoy, but from which they seemed wholly debarred, until his genius and benevolence found for them the key of language, accustomed it to their hands, and thus gave them freedom instead of bondage, and light for darkness.

Resolved, That the people of Massachusetts, always desirous of liberty for themselves and for others, proudly cherish the recollection of that gallant spirit which led Dr. Howe in youth, in mature manhood, and in advancing age, to rank himself, with many or with few, among the champions of oppressed races and emancipated nationalities; emulating in this the deeds of his countrymen in the American Revolution, and the noble career of his friend and the friend of mankind, the illustrious Lafayette.

Resolved, That we tender our sympathy to the family of the deceased, and that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to them.

Organization of
committees, etc.

Notice was received of the rejection by the Senate of the House Order relative to the organization of committees.

Reports of Committees.

Fees of officers.

By Mr. Allen of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to amending chapter 157 of the General Statutes, relating to fees of certain officers.

Bethesda Lodge,
I. O. O. F.

By Mr. Truell of Lawrence, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition of

Horace W. Stickney and others, for incorporation as the Trustees of Bethesda Lodge, No. 30, I. O. O. F.

By Mr. McPherson of Boston, from the same committee, Rate of interest.
inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to repealing chapter 56 of the Acts of 1867, concerning the rate of interest.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

Bills were reported by the committee on State Salaries Salaries.
and Expenditures, on an Order of the House adopted January 12, as follows:

By Mr. Wade of Newton, Bill to fix the salaries of the Executive de-
Executive officers and employés of the Executive depart- partment.
ment.

By Mr. Nutter of East Bridgewater, Bill to fix the Tax Commis-
salaries of the Deputy Tax Commissioner and the several sioner's depart-
employés in the Tax Commissioner's department.

By Mr. Ingalls of Lynn, Bill establishing the salary of Auditor's de-
the Auditor, and clerks in his department.

By Mr. Partridge of Medway, Bill relating to certain Treasurer's
employés in the department of the Treasurer and Receiver- department.
General of the Commonwealth.

By Mr. Miner of Phillipston, Bill to fix the salary of Secretary's de-
the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and persons em- partment.
ployed in the Secretary's department.

By Mr. Ingalls of Lynn, on the Bill relating to the door- Sergeant-at-
keepers, messengers and pages of the Senate and House Arms, etc.
of Representatives, taken from the files of last year, and
a statement of the Auditor relative to the compensation of
employés of the Sergeant-at-Arms, and on the order
above referred to, a Bill to establish the salaries of the
Sergeant-at-Arms, doorkeepers, assistant doorkeepers,
postmaster, messengers and pages of the Senate and
House of Representatives.

By Mr. Miner of Phillipston, on the same, a Bill regu- Engineers,
lating the salary of the engineer, watchmen and firemen watchmen and
at the State House. firemen.

These bills were severally read and ordered to a second
reading, under a suspension of the 42d rule in each case.

Orders of the Day.

Bills :

To amend section 2 of chapter 97, and section 16 of Orders of the
chapter 102, of the General Statutes, relating to the filing day.
of affidavits of executors and administrators ; and

In relation to perpetuating evidence of notices of appointment and sale of real estate by executors and administrators;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

At 2.53 adjourned till Monday.

MONDAY, January 24, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

Hangman's
Island.

By Mr. Wadsworth of Boston, petition of N. J. Bean and others for use of Hangman's Island.

Charles River.

By Mr. Wade of Newton, petition of J. F. Taylor and others for a draw in the bridge crossing Charles River from Western Avenue to Arsenal Street in Watertown.

Severally referred to the committee on Harbors.

Lowell and
Dracut.

By Mr. Swan of Lowell, petition of Warren Webster and others for a change of the boundary line between Lowell and Dracut.

Mattapoisett.

By Mr. Howland of Mattapoisett, petition of the selectmen of Mattapoisett for repeal of chapter 250 of the Acts of 1872, relative to a public common in that town.

Amesbury.

By Mr. Morrill of Amesbury, remonstrance of O. S. Baley and 454 others against a division of the town of Amesbury.

Severally referred to the committee on Towns.

Woman suf-
frage.

By Mr. Knowles of Billerica, petition of Mary F. Eastman and 22 others, and of Thomas Talbot and 103 others; by Mr. Bowen of Leominster, petition of Isaac Smith and 88 others, and of Jonathan Drake and 267 others; by Mr. Hitchings of Saugus, petition of Dr. Corken and 5 others, and of J. A. Ripley and 60 others; by Mr. Fiske of Upton, petition of George S. Ball and 61 others; by Mr. Knapp of Lowell, petition of Mrs. C. B. Richmond and 649 others; by Mr. Keith of Bridgewater, petition of Edward Tisdale and 10 others; by Mr. Hoffman of Holliston, petition of Francis Cutler and 70 others; by Mr. Knowlton of New Bedford, petition of Dr. W. F.

Southard and another ; by Mr. Rogers of Chelsea, petition of C. P. Nichols and 115 others ; by Mr. Osgood of Salem, petition of W. H. Leavitt and 75 others ; and by Mr. Bird of Natick, petition of F. N. Peloubet and 175 others,—severally in favor of woman suffrage.

Severally referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

By Mr. Nelson of Georgetown, petition of Maria J. Crosby for state aid. Maria J. Crosby.

By Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, petition of the mayor of Lynn for reimbursement of money paid for rent of armories. Lynn.

Severally referred to the committee on Claims.

By Mr. Williams of Brookline, petition of the Boylston Bank of Boston for revival of its charter for certain purposes. Referred to the committee on Banks and Banking. Boylston Bank of Boston.

By Mr. Babson of Gloucester, petition of E. W. James and others for an investigation of the doings of the Eastern Railroad Company. Referred to the committee on Railroads. Eastern R. R. Co.

By Mr. Walden of Lynn, petition of the mayor of Lynn for relief from the burden of maintaining certain bridges. Referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges. Lynn.

By Mr. Smith of Boston, petition of John W. Chase and others for incorporation as the Boston Police Relief Association. Referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. Boston Police Relief Association.

By Mr. Morrill of Amesbury, petition of the Veteran Artillery Association of Amesbury and Salisbury for permission to organize as a military company and to parade in public with arms. Referred to the committee on Military Affairs. Veteran Artillery Association.

By Mr. Rogers of Chelsea, petition of the Massachusetts Temperance Alliance for repeal of the license law. Referred to the committee on the Liquor Law. License law.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Swan of Lowell, petition of George Stevens and others for legislation in regard to appeal and sureties. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Appeal and sureties.

A communication was received from the state directors of the Boston and Albany Railroad, in reply to an Order of the legislature of January 14th, asking further time to prepare a report. Read, and the request granted. Sent up for concurrence. State directors B. & A. R. R.

Orders.

Savings banks. On motion of Mr. Evans of Everett,—
Ordered, That the committee on Banks and Banking consider the expediency of embodying in one Act all statutory provisions relating to savings banks; and, if they deem such a measure expedient, that they report a bill for this purpose, including therein all such alterations, additions and amendments as they may judge best for the public good.

Petroleum. On motion of Mr. Washburn of Worcester,—
Ordered, That the committee on Mercantile Affairs consider the expediency of amending chapters 152 and 345 of the Acts of 1869, with reference to the inspection, storage and sale of petroleum and its products.
 Severally sent up for concurrence.

Committee on Elections. On motion of Mr. Pillsbury of Boston,—
Ordered, That in the investigation of the subject-matter of the petition of John C. Stimpson, the committee on Elections have power to send for persons and papers.

List of committees. The following Order, offered by Mr. Ropes of Boston, was laid over at the request of Mr. Pierce of Milton :—
Ordered, That the Clerks of the two Houses be authorized to make a contract with John W. Hodgdon to furnish not exceeding two hundred and eighty-five cases (or sufficient to furnish each member of House and Senate with a copy) to contain list of committees, diary, etc., of such style and form as said Clerks may approve, not inferior in quality to sample which has been deposited by him in the office of the Clerk of the House of Representatives; provided that such cases, complete, with diary, etc., shall be furnished at a price not to exceed two dollars and fifty cents each.

Taxation and exemption. The following Order, offered by Mr. Loud of Winchendon, was adopted :—

Ordered, That the several papers relative to taxation and exemptions therefrom be taken from the files of last year and referred to a joint special committee, to consist of five on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join.

Subsequently Mr. Pierce of Milton moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the order was adopted, which motion was at once considered under a suspension of the

rules, and carried. Pending the recurring question on the adoption of the order, Mr. Loud of Winchendon moved to amend, pending which, at the request of Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, the order was laid over until to-morrow.

The Order offered on Friday by Mr. Noble of Westfield, and laid over, relative to adjournment, was adopted.

The Order, relative to taxation of mortgages, offered by Mr. Supple of Boston, and laid over, was amended on motion of Mr. Pierce of Milton by substituting the committee on Mercantile Affairs for the committee on the Judiciary; and, on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, by omitting the last clause, "such amount," etc., and as amended was adopted and sent up for concurrence. Taxation of mortgages.

Introduced on Leave.

By Mr. Swan of Lowell, a Bill to amend chapter 217 of the Acts of the year 1862, relating to appeals. Appeals.

By the same gentleman, a Bill to amend chapter 107 of the General Statutes, relating to divorce. Divorce.

By Mr. Wade of Newton, a Bill relating to the decision of exceptions and appeals in the Supreme Judicial Court. Exceptions and appeals.

Severally read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Papers from the Senate.

A communication was received from the commissioners appointed to procure two statues to place in the national gallery in the capitol at Washington, inviting the legislature to view the statue of Governor John Winthrop at the Boston Athenæum. Read, referred to the committee on Education, and sent up for concurrence. Winthrop statue.

The following papers were referred in concurrence :

Petition of Andrew G. Pierce and others for a harbor-master for the port of New Bedford. To the committee on Harbors. New Bedford.

Order relative to printing four hundred extra copies of the report of the Commissioners of Prisons. To the committee on Printing. Prison Commissioners.

Order relative to the expediency of providing for the election of state officers for a term of two years; also for biennial sessions of the legislature. To the committee on Constitutional Amendments. Biennial elections.

Reports of Committees.

Sheriffs. By Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, from the committee on the Judiciary, no legislation necessary, on the Abstract of Returns of Sheriffs; and

Registers of deeds. No legislation necessary, on the Abstract of Returns of Registers of Deeds.

Severally read and accepted under a suspension of the rule.

Driving horses. By Mr. Smith of Boston, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to changing the penalty for driving away of horses and other animals, as provided in section 48 of chapter 161 of the General Statutes.

Salaries. By Mr. Wade of Newton, from the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures, in compliance with an Order adopted January 21, a table showing the present salaries, etc., of certain officers. (See House Doc., No. 25.)

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Chief detective. By Mr. Pierce of Milton, from the committee on the Judiciary, on report of the Chief Detective of the Commonwealth, an Order that the same be printed except the tables appended.

Under a suspension of the rule, the report was accepted, and the order adopted. (See House Doc., No. 26.)

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day. The report, leave to withdraw, of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on the petition of Horace W. Stickney and others for incorporation as the Trustees of Bethesda Lodge, No. 30, I. O. O. F., was accepted, and sent up for concurrence.

The report, inexpedient to legislate, of the committee on the Judiciary, on an Order relative to amending chapter 157 of the General Statutes, concerning fees of certain officers, was accepted.

The Senate resolutions concerning the death of Dr. Samuel G. Howe were passed in concurrence.

The report, inexpedient to legislate, of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on an Order relative to repealing chapter 56 of the Acts of 1867, concerning the rate of interest, was accepted, and sent up for concurrence.

Subsequently Mr. McCafferty, of Worcester, moved a

reconsideration of the vote, which motion was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Bills :

To amend section 2 of chapter 97, and section 16 of chapter 102, of the General Statutes, relating to the filing of affidavits of executors and administrators; and

In relation to perpetuating evidence of notices of appointment and sale of real estate by executors and administrators;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to fix the salaries of the Executive officers, and employes of the Executive department, was read a second time.

Pending its consideration the orders of the day were, on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, laid on the table.

At 3.30, adjourned.

TUESDAY, January 25, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Moseley of Boston, petitions of Isaac Ames and 158 others of Boston, and of James W. Eaton and 84 others; by Mr. Smith of Lexington, petition of J. A. Bacon and 82 others; by Mr. Waterman of Kingston, petition of Josiah Peterson and others; by Mr. Prouty of Spencer, petition of Elnathan Davis and 31 others; by Mr. Pope of Somerville, petition of Samuel A. Cushing and 30 others; by Mr. Fish of Athol, petition of Charles Field and 203 others; by Mr. Kendall of Cambridge, petition of J. S. Bailey and 14 others; by Mr. Rogers of Chelsea, petition of R. A. Bradley and 46 others; and by Mr. Heywood of Worcester, petition of L. V. Thompson and 12 others,—severally for woman suffrage.

Woman suffrage.

Severally referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

By Mr. Read of Adams, petition of Walter Shanly for payment of claims for work done on the Hoosac Tunnel.

Walter Shanly.

Abbie S.
Cowles.

By Mr. Root of Montague, petition of Abbie S. Cowles for state aid.

Severally referred to the committee on Claims.

Infants.

By Mr. Jenks of Boston, petition of Lydia M. Warner for legislation for the protection of infants.

Salem Dispensary.

By Mr. Osgood of Salem, petition of the Salem Dispensary that its corporate existence may be terminated, and for authority to transfer its funds to the Salem Hospital.

Severally referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Protection of
fruits.

By Mr. Haskell of Ipswich, petition of Daniel G. Todd and 103 others for further protection by law of fruits growing on inclosed lands. Referred to the committee on Agriculture.

Saugus Savings
Bank.

By Mr. Hitchings of Saugus, petition of A. A. Scott and 99 others, for a savings bank in Saugus. Referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Metric system.

By Mr. Wellington of Cambridge, petition of C. W. Elliott and others, for the introduction of the metric or decimal system of weights and measures. Referred to the committee on Education.

Jones River.

By Mr. Waterman of Kingston, petition of Henry Brewster and others of Kingston in relation to the eel fisheries in Jones River. Referred to the committee on the Fisheries.

Mass. Family
Bank.

By Mr. Converse of Woburn, petition of E. W. Champney and 78 others in aid of the petition of Elizur Wright for the incorporation of the Massachusetts Family Bank. Referred to the committee on Insurance.

License law.

By Mr. Thayer of Franklin, petition of Mrs. R. W. Thayer and 355 others of Franklin for the repeal of the license law. Referred to the committee on the Liquor Law.

Water-wheels.

By Mr. Allen of Boston, petition of A. M. Swain and 126 others for an Act to regulate the sale of water-wheels, etc. Referred to the committee on Manufactures.

Franklin
County.

By Mr. Shattuck of Colrain, petition of Nelson Burrows, John M. Smith, and Carlos Batchelder, commissioners for the county of Franklin, that the county may be relieved from the expense of maintaining a certain bridge. Referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Adams.

By Mr. Read of Adams, petition of A. W. Preston

and 125 others, for incorporation of the town of Adams as a city. Referred to the committee on Towns.

By Mr. Fuller of Sturbridge, petition of C. N. Allen and 11 others for incorporation as the Sturbridge Aqueduct Company. Referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage. Sturbridge
Aqueduct Co.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Russell of Pittsfield, petition of the selectmen of Pittsfield for leave to dispose of an unused cemetery lot. Pittsfield Ceme-
tery.

By Mr. Atkinson of Newburyport, petition of George W. Hunt, Jr., that he may have leave to marry. Geo. W. Hunt,
Jr.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Moseley of Boston,—

Ordered, That the joint standing committee on Harbors consider the expediency of abolishing the Board of Commissioners on Public Lands, the State Board of Agents for the sale of the Commonwealth's flats at South Boston, and the Board of Harbor Commissioners, and establishing in place thereof a commission which should have all the powers and duties now by law imposed on said boards. Commissioners
on Public
Lands.
Commonwealth
flats.
Harbor Com-
missioners.

On motion of Mr. Ropes of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on Railroads be instructed to make a thorough investigation of the matters relating to the Boston and Albany Railroad Company contained in a report of Francis B. Hayes, Esq., a state director, and report how far the statements and charges therein are correct; when and how far an ex-state director referred to was ever remiss in his full duty as such in furthering the interests of the people of this Commonwealth as required by statute or otherwise; and also when, and how far, he, or any other director, ever used his influence as a director of said corporation to further his personal interests; and for that purpose said committee have authority to send for persons and papers. State directors
B. & A. R. R.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Bates of Hopkinton,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of legislation with reference to the law of conditions. Conditions.

On motion of Mr. Allen of Boston,—

Counsel assigned.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of refunding at the expense of the Commonwealth and under the direction of the court, to counsel assigned in capital cases for such parties as are without means, all sums actually and properly paid out by them in such defences.

On motion of Mr. Rogers of Chelsea,—

Woman suffrage.

Ordered, That the use of the hall of the House of Representatives be granted to the joint special committee on Woman Suffrage on Wednesday forenoon, February 2d, for a public hearing.

Introduced on Leave.

District courts.

By Mr. Swan of Lowell, a Bill to provide for the attendance of officers upon the sessions of district courts.

Greenfield.

By Mr. Shattuck of Colrain, a Bill to authorize the town of Greenfield to raise money to reimburse the Commonwealth for land taken for a railroad in Greenfield.

Severally read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Papers from the Senate.

Savings banks.

Notice was received from the Senate of the rejection of the House Order relative to making committees of investment of savings banks liable for losses incurred through investments made without authority of law; and of the House orders [A] and [B] relative to lists of committees.

List of committees.

Papers were referred in concurrence as follows;

Woman suffrage.

Petition of A. B. Vorse, Caroline Heckle and 154 others of Needham; and of Mrs. Eliza LaCroix and 191 others of Needham,—severally for woman suffrage. To the committee on Woman Suffrage.

Manuscript documents.

Petition of Marshall P. Wilder for an alphabetical index of names of persons contained in the manuscript documents of Massachusetts; and of John Ward Dean and others in aid of the same. To the committee on Education.

License law.

Petition of Mary A. Livermore and others for a repeal of the license law. To the committee on the Liquor Law.

Jamaica Pond Aqueduct Corporation.

Petition of the Jamaica Pond Aqueduct Corporation for authority to draw water from Hammond's Pond. To the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

Estimate of expenses for 1876 of the Massachusetts School for Idiotic and Feeble-minded Youth. To the committee on Public Charitable Institutions. Idiotic and feeble-minded youth.

Bills Enacted.

Bills :

Bills enacted.

To amend certain Acts relating to the Mercantile Library Association; and

To amend chapter 177 of the Acts of the year 1875, concerning manufacturing and other corporations; (Which severally originated in the House;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Hall of Boston, from the committee on Harbors, leave to withdraw, on petition of Thomas McKinley for use of Hangman's Island in Boston Harbor. Hangman's Island.

By Mr. Jenks of Boston, from the same committee, leave to withdraw, on petition of Wm. Ryder for the regulation of the tide-gate in Herring River, Harwich. Herring River.

By Mr. Miner of Phillipston, from the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on petition of Wm. M. Jenks for state aid. Wm. M. Jenks.

By Mr. Sanford of Ware, from the committee on Printing, that the Order to print four hundred extra copies of the report of the Prison Commissioners ought to be adopted. Prison Commissioners.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

By Mr. Buckminster of New Bedford, from the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on petition of F. B. Kellogg for state aid. F. B. Kellogg.

On motion of Mr. Truell of Lawrence, the rules were suspended, and the report was recommitted to the committee on Claims.

By Mr. Webster of Boston, from the committee on Claims, on petition, a Resolve in favor of James B. Collingwood. J. B. Collingwood.

Read and referred under the rule to committee on Finance.

By Mr. Rice of Danvers, from the committee on Education, that the Bill (on leave) concerning religious exercises in the public schools, ought not to pass. Religious exercises in public schools.

Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on the rejection of the bill.

Currency.

By Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, from the committee on Federal Relations, that the Resolution concerning the currency ought to pass.

Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Sewing in public schools.

By Mr. Rice of Danvers, from the committee on Education, on an order, a Bill authorizing the teaching of sewing in the public schools.

Appropriation Bill, No. 1.

By Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the committee on Finance, on an order, a Bill making appropriations for the maintenance of the government for the present year.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Orders Laid Over.

The Order relative to papers relating to taxation and exemption therefrom, laid over from yesterday, was amended, as moved by Mr. Loud of Winchendon, and the following Order, moved as a substitute by Mr. J. W. Hill of Boston, was then adopted :—

Taxation and exemption.

Ordered, That the several papers relative to taxation and exemption therefrom be taken from the files of last year and referred to a joint special committee, to consist of five on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, with instruction to consider and report on so much as relates to taxation of church property and exemption therefrom.

Sent up for concurrence.

List of committees.

The Order relative to list of committees, laid over from yesterday, was adopted, and sent up for concurrence.

Subsequently, Mr. Noble of Westfield moved a reconsideration of the vote, which, under a suspension of the rule, was at once considered. On motion of the same gentleman, the yeas and nays were ordered, and the roll being called, the House rejected the motion to reconsider, the vote being as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. Adams, Ebenezer.

Alley, William A.

Bartlett, James E. T.

Bird, Warren P.

Bowen, Francis C.

Messrs. Breed, Amos F.

Bryant, Orrin.

Bugbee, Francis.

Chase, Frederick T.

Clapp, Frederick W.

Messrs. Clapp, Lafayette.

Cobb, John D.
 Coggshall, Henry F.
 Converse, Charles S.
 Crocker, Elisha, Jr.
 Curtiss, Albert W.
 Dean, Dallas J.
 Downer, Francis E.
 Eatabrook, Adin C.
 Fish, William W.
 Fuller, Henry W.
 Gardner, Charles L.
 Gibbons, John M.
 Gilmore, Onslow.
 Hall, Andrew.
 Haskell, George.
 Hathaway, Frederick.
 Hawks, Alanson K.
 Heywood, Samuel R.
 Hicks, Samuel D.
 Hill, John B.
 Howland, Weston.
 Jenks, Thomas L.
 Jones, Jesse H.
 Keith, Monroe.
 Keith, Ziba C.
 Kellogg, Ensign H.
 Kimball, Moses.
 Kingsbury, Joseph A.
 Kirtland, Edwin L.
 Knowlton, Henry C.
 Lawrence, Daniel W.
 Lee, Henry.
 Lindsey, Nathaniel E.
 Long, John D.
 Mackintosh, James.
 March, Andrus.
 Mayo, Edward F.
 McCafferty, Matthew J.
 Merritt, George W.
 Miner, Henry S.
 Morissey, John.
 Morse, Elijah A.
 Noble, Reuben.
 Nourse, B. Alden.
 Nutter, Isaac N.
 Owen, Harvey M.
 Parker, Frederick.

Messrs. Partridge, David A.

Perry, George R.
 Pierce, Edward L.
 Pillsbury, Albert E.
 Preston, David A.
 Prouty, David.
 Read, Charles H.
 Rice, Charles B.
 Richmond, Jonathan C.
 Ropes, Joseph S.
 Russell, Solomon N.
 Sandford, Addison.
 Saunders, Amos J.
 Seymour, Stephen E.
 Shattuck, Calvin W.
 Slade, Albion K.
 Smith, Andrew.
 Smith, Robert D.
 Smith, Webster.
 Snow, Samuel.
 Spaulding, Mark H.
 Stevens, James T.
 Supple, James F.
 Swan, Charles A. F.
 Swett, Jackson B.
 Swett, Noah.
 Taylor, Charles A.
 Taylor, Oliver.
 Thayer, Davis, Jr.
 Truell, Byron.
 Tuttle, Henry G.
 Van Deusen, William I.
 Wade, Levi C.
 Wadsworth, Alexander.
 Ward, Alanson W.
 Warren, Alonzo.
 Washburn, John D.
 Waterman, Eleazer E.
 Watts, William.
 Webster, David L.
 Wetherbee, John.
 Wetherell, John W.
 Whicher, John D.
 White, Joseph W.
 Whitney, Edward.
 Wilson, George C.
 Wilson, John G.
 Woodward, James C.

NATS.

Messrs. Abbe, James.

Allen, Stillman B.
 Amsden, Edwin.
 Appell, Jacob F.
 Atkinson, Michael.
 Ayer, Edwin.
 Babson, John J.
 Bailey, Daniel D.
 Barry, Patrick.
 Bartlett, Daniel W.
 Batchelor, Benjamin S.
 Bates, Eliakim A.
 Bird, Warren A.
 Bradley, Osgood, Jr.
 Brownell, Lysander N.
 Buckminster, Joseph.
 Burr, Isaac T.
 Carney, Michael.
 Clark, John P.
 Coburn, Edward.
 Cook, Horace.
 Cook, John H.
 Cordis, Thomas F.
 Coveney, Jeremiah W.
 Croak, Michael J.
 Danforth, Charles H.
 Daniels, George F.
 Dean, Herbert A.
 Doane, Freeman.
 Doherty, Neil.
 Evans, Alonzo H.
 Fairbanks, George O.
 Flak, Luther.
 Fiske, Wesley L.
 Foque, Theodore N.
 Freeto, John.
 Fuller, Charles.
 Gargan, Thomas J.
 Garity, Thomas R.
 Gifford, Benjamin.
 Gleason, Samuel S.
 Goodsell, Curtis B.
 Hale, Charles.
 Hannum, Leander M.
 Hapgood, Lyman S.
 Hartwell, James D.
 Hill, Henry B.
 Hill, Joseph W.

Messrs. Hitchings, Otis M.

Hoffman, Ira W.
 Holley, Richard.
 Holmes, Henry T.
 Hunt, Jonas S.
 Ingalls, Ephraim A.
 Keith, Ambrose.
 Keith, Isaac N.
 Kendall, Edward.
 Kennedy, Patrick.
 Kimball Ensign.
 King, William S.
 Knapp, Joel.
 Knowles, John.
 Longley, Samuel.
 Loud, Charles A.
 Merritt, Christopher C.
 Mitchell, Joseph, 2d.
 Morrill, George W.
 Morse, William.
 Moseley, Frederick P.
 Murphy, Jeremiah.
 Murphy, John J.
 Nelson, Sherman.
 Nichols, John B.
 Noonan, Daniel.
 Norton, John B.
 Osgood, Charles S.
 Parker, George G.
 Paul, Joseph F.
 Pew, Charles H., 2d.
 Phinney, Stephen C.
 Pope, Charles G.
 Putnam, Henry W.
 Reed, George R.
 Reed, George W.
 Reynolds, Rice M.
 Robinson, Wallace F.
 Rogers, Charles A.
 Root, Joseph H.
 Rust, Nathaniel J.
 Sawin, Samuel D.
 Sawyer, Ebenezer.
 Sawyer, Enoch.
 Searle, John F.
 Shaw, George A.
 Sleeper, Solomon S.
 Small, Isaiah A.

Messrs. Smith, Newton.
 Southwick, John R.
 Sullivan, Michael.
 Talbot, Samuel, Jr.
 Walden, Edwin.
 Wallace, William S.

Messrs. White, Benjamin.
 White, James.
 Wing, Daniel.
 Winship, Thomas.
 Wood, Eliphaz H.
 Woods, William.

Yeas, 106 ; nays, 108.

Orders of the Day.

The motion of Mr. McCafferty of Worcester, to reconsider the vote whereby the House accepted the report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to repealing chapter 56 of the Acts of 1867, concerning the rate of interest, was rejected. Orders of the day.

The Bill to fix the salaries of the Executive officers, and employés of the Executive department, was further considered and rejected.

Subsequently, Mr. Miner of Phillipston moved a reconsideration of the vote, which motion was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

The Bill to fix the salaries of the Deputy Tax Commissioner and the several employés in the Tax Commissioner's department, was read a second time, and pending its consideration, the orders of the day were laid on the table.

At 4.50, the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, January 26, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Root of Montague, petition of David Hamilton and others, in aid of the petition of Abbie S. Cowles for state aid. Abbie S. Cowles.

By Mr. Croak of Boston, petition of Captain D. J. Gorman and officers of the 9th Regiment, M. V. M., for compensation for belts. 9th Regiment.

Severally referred to the committee on Claims.

By Mr. Nutter of East Bridgewater, petition of A. T. Wilkinson and 720 others for the repeal of the license law. License law. Referred to the committee on the Liquor Law.

Bay State Iron
Company.

By Mr. Wade of Newton, petition of the Bay State Iron Company for amendment of its charter. Referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Lanesborough
M. E. Church.

By Mr. Kellogg of Pittsfield, petition of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Lanesborough for a share of a certain fund. Referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Lunatic hos-
pitals.

By Mr. Truell of Lawrence, petition of E. R. Hayden and others for more stringent legislation relative to committal of persons to lunatic hospitals. Referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Woman suf-
frage.

By Mr. Winship of Wakefield, petition of John Winship and 60 others for woman suffrage. Referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

West Stock-
bridge.

By Mr. Wilson of West Stockbridge, petition of T. W. Tanner and others that the town of West Stockbridge be authorized to discontinue a certain burying-ground. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Widows.

By Mr. Stone of Waltham, petition of Daniel French and 50 others for the repeal of chapter 164 of the Acts of 1861, concerning the provisions for widows in certain cases. Referred to the committee on Probate and Chancery.

Finance and
currency.

Mr. Washburn of Worcester presented a communication of Calvin Butler, relating to finance and the currency. Referred to the committee on Finance.

Treasurer's
Report.

The Annual Report of the Treasurer and Receiver-General was received, and referred to the committee on Finance.

Orders.

Voters of Bos-
ton.

On motion of Mr. Hale of Boston,—

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Commonwealth obtain from the mayor and aldermen of the city of Boston the number of legal voters, according to the census taken on the first day of May last, in each of the wards of that city, according to the new division of wards therein.

Maps.

On motion of Mr. Kellogg of Pittsfield,—

Ordered, That the Secretary of State be requested to prepare for the use of the legislature a map of the State showing the existing senatorial districts; also a map giving the councillor districts of the State.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Cobb of Dedham,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of further legislation to define the duration of licenses issued to keepers of billiard tables and bowling alleys, and to secure a more perfect record of such licenses.

Billiard and
bowling li-
censes.

Introduced on Leave.

By Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, a Bill to prevent frauds in procuring divorce, and to amend the law in relation thereto. Read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Papers from the Senate.

Notice was received of the rejection by the Senate of the House Order relative to authorizing the visits of the committee on Public Charitable Institutions to be made by a sub-committee.

Committee on
Public Char-
itable Institu-
tions.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Railroads be requested to inquire into and report whether the Eastern Railroad Corporation have complied with the laws of the Commonwealth in relation to the issue of bonds or notes, and the making of other liabilities.

Eastern Rail-
road.

The following Order was referred in concurrence to the committee on Printing:—

Ordered, That ten thousand extra copies of the Report of the Agricultural College be printed for the use of the legislature.

Agricultural
College.

The following reports, accepted by the Senate, were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow:—

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw, on petition of Daniel McDougall and others for an Act of incorporation of the St. Mary's Total Abstinence Society.

St. Mary's Total
Abstinence
Society.

Of the committee on Printing, ought to be adopted, on an Order providing for the printing of 5,000 extra copies of the Governor's address.

Governor's ad-
dress.

Of the same committee, on an Order relative to printing and binding the Manual, that the order should pass in a new draft, which report was amended by the Senate, and the order adopted in the following form:—

Ordered, That the Clerks of the two branches cause to be printed and bound in suitable form two thousand five

Manual.

hundred copies of the rules and orders of the two branches, with lists of the several standing and special committees, together with such other matters as may be considered practicable in a legislative manual.

Reports of a Committee.

W. J. Sutherland.

By Mr. Hale of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition of W. J. Sutherland for reversal of a decision of the superior court.

Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mesne process.

By Mr. Gardner of Palmer, from the same committee, that a Bill (on leave) to amend section 9 of chapter 124 of the General Statutes, relative to discharge of persons arrested on mesne process, ought not to pass.

Power of sale mortgage.

By Mr. Pierce of Milton, from the same committee (Mr. Hale of Boston dissenting from the report), that a Bill (on leave) in relation to the affidavit of sale under a power of sale in a mortgage of real estate held by a corporation, ought not to pass.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question in each case being on the rejection of the bill.

Discharged from the Orders.

Sewing in schools.

The Bill authorizing the teaching of sewing in the public schools was, on motion of Mr. Moseley of Boston, discharged from the orders of the day, and, under a suspension of the rules, took its several readings, was passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Orders of the Day.

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The motion of Mr. Miner of Phillipston, to reconsider the vote whereby the House rejected the Bill to fix the salaries of the Executive officers and employes of the Executive department, was carried; an amendment moved by Mr. Wade of Newton was adopted, and the bill as amended was ordered to a third reading.

Reports :

Of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of William M. Jenks for state aid;

Of the committee on Harbors, leave to withdraw, on petition of Thomas McKinley for use of Hangman's Island in Boston Harbor;

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on petition of William Ryder for the regulation of the tide-gate in Herring River; and

Of the committee on Printing, recommending the adoption of an order that four hundred extra copies of the report of the Commissioners of Prisons be printed for the use of the Commissioners;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Reports:

Of the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures, with a table of salaries of certain state officers; and

Of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to changing the penalty for driving away horses and other animals, as provided in section 48 of chapter 161 of the General Statutes;

Were severally accepted.

A Resolution concerning the currency was passed and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill (on leave) concerning religious exercises in the public schools, was rejected, as recommended by the committee on Education.

Bills:

Establishing the salary of the Auditor, and clerks in his department;

Relating to certain employes in the department of the Treasurer and Receiver-General of the Commonwealth;

To fix the salary of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and persons employed in the Secretary's department;

To establish the salaries of the Sergeant-at-Arms, doorkeepers, assistant doorkeepers, postmaster, messengers and pages of the Senate and House of Representatives;

Regulating the salary of the engineer, watchmen and firemen at the state house; and

Making appropriations for the maintenance of the government for the present year.

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to fix the salaries of the Deputy Tax Commissioner and the several employes in the Tax Commissioner's department, was further considered, and ordered to a third reading.

At 4.17, adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 27, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain of the Senate.

Petitions Presented.

Ferries.

By Mr. Cook of Hadley, petition of William Richardson and 90 others for amendment of chapter 265 of the Acts of the year 1874, relating to the apportionment of expense of maintaining ferries.

Montague bridge.

By Mr. Root of Montague, petition of Amos Adams and 38 others, for freeing the Connecticut River Bridge between Montague and Deerfield.

Severally referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

James McCormick.

By Mr. Curtiss of Sheffield, petition of James McCormick for state aid. Referred to the committee on Claims.

Massachusetts Family Bank.

By Mr. Hale of Boston, petition of C. A. Bartlett and 61 others, in aid of the petition of Elizur Wright and others, to be incorporated as the Massachusetts Family Bank. Referred to the committee on Insurance.

Hummock Pond.

By Mr. Mitchell of Nantucket, petition of the town of Nantucket for an amendment of the law which prohibits seining in Hummock Pond. Referred to the committee on the Fisheries.

License law.

By Mr. Nutter of East Bridgewater, petition of Mrs. Mary Adams and 187 others for the repeal of the license law. Referred to the committee on the Liquor Law.

Parson's Brook.

By Mr. Washburn of Worcester, petition of the mayor of Worcester for leave to take and hold the waters of Parson's Brook, so called. Referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

9th Regiment.

Mr. Croak of Boston moved to reconsider the vote of yesterday, by which the petition of Captain D. J. Gorman and officers of the 9th Regiment, M. V. M., for compensation for belts, was referred to the committee on Claims. The motion prevailed, and the petition was referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Church property.

The House Order relative to the appointment of a special committee to consider the taxation of church property and exemption therefrom having been concurred in by the

Senate, the following gentlemen were appointed on the part of the House: Messrs. Loud of Winchendon, Fuller of Boston, Haskell of Ipswich, Root of Montague, and Croak of Boston.

Sent up to be joined.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Allen of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending chapter 188 of the Acts of 1874, relating to sales of land on execution.

On motion of Mr. Stone of Waltham,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of so amending chapter 33 of the Acts of the year 1874, that magistrates may attend at the jails in their respective counties, for the purpose of discharging the duties prescribed by said Act, and to provide compensation therefor.

On motion of Mr. Taylor of Haverhill,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of so far amending chapter 80 of the Acts of the year 1870, that the police court of Haverhill shall be held for civil business on the first and third Wednesdays of each month.

The following order, offered by Mr. Preston of Beverly, was referred under the rule to the committee on Printing, and sent up for concurrence:—

Ordered, That there be printed five hundred copies of the report of the commissioners on taxation.

Papers from the Senate.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Constitutional Amendments be directed to inquire into the expediency of abolishing the Council.

The report of the committee on Printing, that the following Order ought to pass, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow:—

Ordered, That three hundred extra copies of the report of the Surgeon-General be printed and placed at his disposal for distribution.

A Bill to authorize the town of Duxbury to establish a sinking fund to meet the loan made to pay for its stock in

the Duxbury and Cohasset Railroad Company, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

- License law.** The following petitions were referred in concurrence :
 Of Lucy W. Lincoln and others, for a repeal of the license law. To the committee on the Liquor Law.
- Wm. Walsh.** Of William Walsh, for relief for injuries sustained by suits instituted in his absence in the service of the United States. To the committee on Claims.
- Eye and Ear Infirmary.** Of the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary, that \$7,500 be appropriated as the annual grant to that institution. To the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Reports of Committees.

- Nantucket Agricultural Society.** By Mr. Smith of Lexington, from the committee on Agriculture, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Nantucket Agricultural Society for change of time of holding its annual fair.
- Chas. A. Brown.** By Mr. Saunders of Pepperell, from the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Charles A. Brown of West Newbury for state aid.
- John C. Stimpson.** By Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, from the committee on Elections, leave to withdraw, on petition of John C. Stimpson for the seat as representative for the 18th Essex district; also a Resolution concerning the seat of representative for the 18th Essex district.
- Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Orders of the Day.

- Orders of the day.** The report of the committee on Printing that the order providing that 5,000 additional copies of the Governor's address be printed, ought to be adopted, was rejected in non-concurrence.
- Subsequently, Mr. Allen of Boston moved a reconsideration of the vote, which motion was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Reports :

- Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw, on petition of Daniel McDougall and others for an Act of incorporation of St. Mary's Total Abstinence Society; and
- Of the committee on Printing, on an Order relative to printing and binding the Manual;

Were severally accepted in concurrence; the Senate amendment to the order being concurred in.

The report, leave to withdraw, of the committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of W. J. Sutherland for reversal of a decision of the superior court, was accepted.

Bills :

In relation to the affidavit of sale under a power of sale in a mortgage of real estate held by a corporation; and

To amend section 9 of chapter 124 of the General Statutes, relative to discharge of persons arrested on mesne process;

Were severally rejected, as recommended by the committee on the Judiciary.

The Bill to fix the salaries of the Executive officers and employes of the Executive department was read and considered. A motion by Mr. J. W. Hill of Boston, to recommit the bill with instructions, was rejected.

On motion of Mr. Paul of Boston, the yeas and nays were ordered on the main question, and, the roll being called, the bill was passed to be engrossed by a vote of 182 yeas to 21 nays, as follows, and sent up for concurrence :—

YEAS.

Messrs. Abbe, James.

Allen, Stillman B.
Alley, William A.
Amsden, Edwin.
Appell, Jacob F.
Ayer, Edwin.
Babson, John J.
Ballou, Monroe E.
Barry, Patrick.
Bartlett, James E. T.
Batchelor, Benjamin S.
Bates, Eliakim A.
Bird, Warren A.
Bird, Warren P.
Bowen, Francis C.
Breed, Amos F.
Bryant, Orrin.
Brownell, Lysander N.
Buckminster, Joseph.
Bugbee, Francis.
Burr, Isaac T.
Clapp, Frederick W.

Messrs. Clapp, Lafayette.

Clark, John P.
Cobb, John D.
Coburn, Edward.
Coggeshall, Henry F.
Converse, Charles S.
Cook, Horace.
Cook, John H.
Cordis, Thomas F.
Croak, Michael J.
Crocker, Elisha, Jr.
Curtiss, Albert W.
Daniels, George F.
Dean, Dallas J.
Dean, Herbert A.
Dennis, Henry, Jr.
Downer, Francis E.
Estabrook, Adin C.
Evans, Alonzo H.
Fish, William W.
Freeto, John.
Fuller, Charles.

Messrs. Fuller, Henry W.	Messrs. Merritt, Christopher C.
Gardner, Charles L.	Miner, Henry S.
Garity, Thomas R.	Morrill, George W.
Gibbons, John M.	Morse, Elijah A.
Gifford, Benjamin.	Morse, William.
Gilmore, Onslow.	Nelson, Sherman.
Gleason, Samuel S.	Nichols, John B.
Goodsell, Curtis B.	Noble, Reuben.
Granger, George W.	Noonan, Daniel.
Hale, Charles.	Norton, John B.
Hall, Andrew.	Nourse, B. Alden.
Hannum, Leander M.	Nutter, Isaac N.
Hapgood, Lyman S.	Osborn, Weaver.
Hartwell, James D.	Osgood, Charles S.
Haskell, George.	Owen, Harvey M.
Hathaway, Frederick.	Parker, Frederick.
Hawks, Alanson K.	Partridge, David A.
Heywood, Samuel R.	Paul, Joseph F.
Hicks, Samuel D.	Perry, George R.
Hill, Henry B.	Pew, Charles H., 2d.
Hill, John B.	Pierce, Edward L.
Hill, Joseph W.	Pillsbury, Albert E.
Hitchings, Otis M.	Pope, Charles G.
Hoffman, Ira W.	Preston, David A.
Holley, Richard.	Prouty, David.
Hunt, Jonas S.	Putnam, Henry W.
Ingalls, Ephraim A.	Read, Washington.
Jenks, Thomas L.	Reed, George R.
Jones, Jesse H.	Reynolds, Rice M.
Keith, Ambrose.	Rice, Charles B.
Keith, Monroe.	Richmond, Jonathan C.
Keith, Ziba C.	Robinson, Wallace F.
Kellogg, Ensign H.	Rogers, Charles A.
Kendall, Edward.	Root, Joseph H.
Kimball, Ensign.	Ropes, Joseph S.
Kimball, Moses.	Russell, Solomon N.
King, William S.	Rust, Nathaniel J.
Kingsbury, Joseph A.	Sandford, Addison.
Knapp, Joel.	Saunders, Amos J.
Knowles, John.	Sawin, Samuel D.
Knowlton, Henry C.	Sawyer, Ebenezer.
Lawrence, Daniel W.	Sawyer, Enoch.
Lee, Henry.	Searle, John F.
Lindsey, Nathaniel E.	Seymour, Stephen E.
Longley, Samuel.	Shattuck, Calvin W.
Mackintosh, James.	Shattuck, Elijah C.
Mann, Seth, 2d.	Shaw, George A.
March, Andrus.	Sherman, Elon.
Mayo, Edward F.	Slade, Albion K.
McCafferty, Matthew J.	Sleeper, Solomon S.

Messrs. Smith, Andrew.
 Smith, Newton.
 Smith, Webster.
 Snow, Samuel.
 Southwick, John B.
 Spaulding, Mark H.
 Stevens, James T.
 Sullivan, Michael.
 Supple, James F.
 Swett, Jackson B.
 Talbot, Samuel, Jr.
 Taylor, Charles A.
 Taylor, Oliver.
 Truell, Byron.
 Tuttle, Henry G.
 Van Dusen, William I.
 Wade, Levi C.
 Wadsworth, Alexander.
 Walden, Edwin.

Messrs. Ward, Alanson W.
 Warren, Alonzo.
 Washburn, John D.
 Waterman, Eleazer E.
 Watts, William.
 Webster, David L.
 Wellington, Austin C.
 Wetherbee, John.
 Wetherell, John W.
 Whicher, John D.
 White, Benjamin.
 White, James.
 White, Joseph W.
 Williams, Moses, Jr.
 Wilson, George C.
 Wing, Daniel.
 Wood, Eliphaz H.
 Woods, William.
 Woodward, James C.

NAYS.

Messrs. Atkinson, Michael.
 Bailey, Daniel D.
 Capron, Charles C.
 Fairbanks, George O.
 Fisk, Luther.
 Foque, Theodore N.
 Holmes, Henry T.
 Howland, Weston.
 Keith, Isaac N.
 Kennedy, Patrick.
 Knowlton, Hosea M.

Messrs. Mitchell, Joseph, 2d.
 Morissey, John.
 Murphy, Jeremiah.
 Parker, George G.
 Phinney, Stephen C.
 Reed, George W.
 Small, Isaiah A.
 Smith, Robert D.
 Wallace, William S.
 Whitney, Edward.

Yeas, 182; nays, 21.

The Bill to fix the salaries of the Deputy Tax Commissioner and the several employes in the Tax Commissioner's department, was read and considered. The House refused to order the previous question on passing the bill to be engrossed, and pending amendments moved by Messrs. King and Croak of Boston, Nutter of East Bridgewater, Pierce of Milton, and Loud of Winchendon,
 The House, at 5.15, adjourned.

FRIDAY, January 28, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

Warehouse
company.

By Mr. Washburn of Worcester, petition of Horatio Harris and others for incorporation as a warehouse company. Referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Lunatic hos-
pitals.

By Mr. Swan of Lowell, petition of C. L. Knapp and others for legislation relative to committals to lunatic hospitals. Referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Election laws.

By Mr. Morissey of Plymouth, petition of Solomon Faunce and 22 others for amendment of the election laws. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

State charities.

The Twelfth Annual Report of the Board of State Charities was received, and referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions. Sent up for concurrence.

Polls, property,
etc.

The Fifteenth Annual Abstract of Polls, Property, Taxes, etc., was received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and referred to the committee on Finance.

Orders.

Insurance
brokers.

On motion of Mr. Coveney of Cambridge,—

Ordered, That the committee on Insurance consider the expediency of amending section 3 of chapter 93 of the Acts of 1869, relating to insurance, so that the responsibility of insurance brokers may be more definitely fixed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Real estate.

On motion of Mr. Smith of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of legislation in regard to recording proceedings in court, and other instruments affecting the title to real estate.

Tax collectors.

On motion of Mr. Truell of Lawrence,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending section 2 of chapter 12 of the General Statutes, so that a collector of taxes, upon the expiration of his term of office, may turn over all unfinished collections of taxes to his successor.

On motion of Mr. Croak of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending chapter 241 of the Acts of the year 1875, so that the school committee created by said Act shall not be authorized to expend more money for salaries for the school teachers than is appropriated for such purposes by the city council of the city of Boston. Boston school committee.

The following Order, offered by Mr. Carney of Boston, was laid over at the request of Mr. Kellogg of Pittsfield :—

Ordered, That a committee, consisting of five on the part of the House with such as the Senate may join, be appointed to consider and report what action should be taken by the State in the celebration of the one-hundredth anniversary of the evacuation of Boston by the British. Evacuation of Boston.

Introduced on Leave.

By Mr. Burr of Newton, a Bill to authorize the city of Newton to issue additional water scrip. Read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Newton water scrip.

Reconsideration.

Mr. Hapgood of Boston moved to reconsider the vote by which the House yesterday rejected, as recommended by the committee on the Judiciary, the Bill in relation to the affidavit of sale under a power of sale in a mortgage of real estate held by a corporation. The motion prevailed, and, after debate, the bill was again rejected. Power of sale mortgage.

Paper from the Senate.

The petition of B. H. Edwards and 84 others for the repeal of the license law, was referred in concurrence to the committee on the Liquor Law. License law.

Bill Enacted.

An engrossed Bill authorizing the teaching of sewing in the public schools ; Bill enacted.

(Which originated in the House ;)

Was passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Pierce of Milton, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Bill (on leave) relating to the decision Exceptions and appeals.

of exceptions and appeals in the supreme judicial court ought not to pass.

Counsel assigned.

By Mr. Allen of Boston, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to refunding to counsel in capital cases sums actually and properly paid out by them in such defences.

Ib.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to the compensation of the counsel in capital causes of defendants without means.

Haverhill Police Court.

By Mr. Smith of Boston, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to amending chapter 80 of the Acts of the year 1870, concerning the police court of Haverhill.

Clerks of police courts.

By Mr. Gardner of Palmer, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to amending section 9 of chapter 116 of the General Statutes, concerning the prosecution of criminal proceedings by clerks of police courts.

Insurance brokers.

By Mr. Coveney of Cambridge, from the committee on Insurance, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to advancing the price of insurance brokers' licenses.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

Freight.

By Mr. Gardner of Palmer, from the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to loss or damage done freight and merchandise when in transit by rail or otherwise. Read and accepted under a suspension of the rules.

West Amesbury Branch Railroad.

By Mr. Osgood of Salem, from the committee on Railroads, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the Boston & Maine Railroad to purchase the West Amesbury Branch Railroad. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Orders of the Day.

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The motion of Mr. Allen of Boston, to reconsider the vote whereby the House refused to concur with the Senate in adopting the Order for printing 5,000 additional copies of the Governor's address, as recommended by the committee on Printing, was carried. An amendment, moved by Mr. Allen of Boston, providing for printing 2,000 copies instead of 5,000, was adopted. The Order, as amended, was then adopted, and sent up for concurrence in the amendment.

Reports :

Leave to withdraw, of the committee on Agriculture, on petition of the Nantucket Agricultural Society for change of time of holding its annual fair ; and

Leave to withdraw, of the committee on Claims, on petition of Charles A. Brown for state aid ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to fix the salaries of the Deputy Tax Commissioner and the several employés in the Tax Commissioner's department was further considered.

Amendments moved by Mr. Nutter of East Bridgewater and Mr. Pierce of Milton were adopted.

Further amendments were moved by Messrs. Croak of Boston and Merritt of Springfield, and on motion of Mr. Moseley of Boston the previous question was ordered.

Mr. Wade of Newton moved to reconsider the vote whereby the amendment moved by Mr. Pierce (making the salary of the Deputy Tax Commissioner \$3,000) was adopted, pending which the House,

At 4.35, adjourned.

MONDAY, January 31, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Truell of Lawrence, petition of Daniel Downey for state aid. Referred to the committee on Claims. Daniel Downey.

By Mr. Hapgood of Boston, petition of Hiram A. Bowles and another for legalization of certain acts of the Proprietors of the Fourth Universalist Meeting-house in Boston. Referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies. Proprietors
Fourth Uni-
versalist Meet-
ing-house.

By Mr. Bailey of Newbury, petition of J. P. Coombs and 24 others for amendment of chapter 292 of the Acts of 1874, relative to the uniform of certain employés of railroad corporations. Referred to the committee on Railroads. Railroad em-
ployés.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Lawrence.

By Mr. Truell of Lawrence, petition of the city of Lawrence for amendment of its charter. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Attorney-General.

The annual report, for 1875, of the Attorney-General of the Commonwealth, was received and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Harbor Commissioners.

The tenth annual report of the board of harbor commissioners was received, referred to the committee on Harbors, and sent up for concurrence.

Gas inspector.

The annual report of the state Gas Inspector was received. Referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs, and sent up for concurrence.

Orders.

Bank robbery.

On motion of Mr. Morse of Canton,—

Ordered, That the committee on Banks and Banking inquire into the expediency of increasing the penalty for organized safe and bank robbery, by enacting a law similar to one now in force in the State of Vermont, which provides "that if three or more persons acting in concert shall attempt to kill, maim or wound any person, or to rob any person or corporation, or other community, of any money or other property, or to burn, blow up, or otherwise destroy any bank building, store, factory, dwelling-house, or other building, each person shall be deemed guilty of felony, and an enemy of the State, and shall suffer the penalty of death within ninety days next after such conviction;" with such alterations and amendments as the committee may deem proper.

Sent up for concurrence.

Supreme Court.

On motion of Mr. Smith of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of legislating upon the equity jurisdiction of the supreme judicial court.

Justices of the peace.

On motion of the same gentleman,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of so amending chapter 120 of the General Statutes, that only such justices of the peace as are counsellors-at-law may exercise judicial powers in civil cases.

The following Order, offered by Mr. McCafferty of Worcester, was laid over at the request of Mr. Kimball of Boston :—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider Courts. what legislation is necessary to reduce the expenses of the judiciary department of the Commonwealth; whether all laws establishing district courts, except where the said courts are established instead of police courts or municipal courts, should not be repealed; and to repeal all laws authorizing trial by juries in district courts; and that they be authorized to send for persons and papers to ascertain the expense of said courts, not only to the State, but to the county, so that the expense of said courts may be diminished, and report by bill or otherwise.

The following, offered by Mr. Jones of Abington, was laid over at the request of Mr. King of Boston:—

Ordered, That the state printers shall complete and bind Manual. only fifteen hundred copies of the Manual, and no more; and that the recent order providing for the printing of two thousand five hundred of the latter portion thereof is hereby rescinded, and only fifteen hundred shall be printed, as above; also, that the sheets of one thousand copies of the two thousand five hundred ordered by the last legislature of the first part of the Manual shall lie over until next year; also, that if the state printers shall have printed the two thousand five hundred copies of the latter portion of the Manual under the recent order before this reaches them, nevertheless they shall not be used, but still only fifteen hundred copies of the Manual shall be finished.

The Order laid over from Friday, relating to the celebration of the one-hundredth anniversary of the evacuation of Boston by the British, was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. Smith of Boston. Evacuation of Boston.

Introduced on Leave.

By Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, a Bill relating to the deposit notes of mutual fire insurance companies. Insurance deposit notes. Read, referred to the committee on Insurance, and sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, a Bill to prevent the careless handling of fire-arms. Read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Papers from the Senate.

Notice was received of the rejection by the Senate of the House Order relative to authorizing the Clerks to procure List of committees.

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not exceeding two hundred and eighty-five memorandum books, with cases, etc.

State directors
Boston & Al-
bany Railroad.

The House Order relative to an investigation of the doings of certain state directors of the Boston & Albany Railroad, came down with an amendment, in which the House concurred, providing for the presence of the Attorney-General, or assistant, in the interest of the Commonwealth.

Grand Hotel
Company.

The report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition of William Washburn for renewal of the charter of the Grand Hotel Company, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

The following Order, adopted by the Senate, was laid over at the request of Mr. Churchill of Boston :—

Board of
Health.

Ordered, That the report of the State Board of Health be printed, and that so much thereof as relates to drainage and sewerage of the cities and towns, made in pursuance of chapter 192 of the Acts of 1875, be referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage; that the remainder of the report be referred to the committee on Education; and that advance sheets be supplied to those committees from time to time, as printed.

The following Order was referred in concurrence to the committee on Printing :—

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Ordered, That ten thousand extra copies of the report of the State Board of Health be printed, five thousand of which shall be at the disposal of the Board, two thousand five hundred copies shall be numbered and take their place in the series of public documents for the present year, and the remainder shall be for the use of the members of the legislature.

Constitutional
Amendment.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the several resolves providing for amendment of the Constitution in relation to sheriffs, district-attorneys, commissioners of insolvency and clerks of courts, agreed to by the last General Court, be taken from the files and referred to the joint special committee on Constitutional Amendments.

Licenses.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the joint special committee on the Liquor Law inquire into the expediency of so amending the 99th chapter of the Acts of 1875, that no license shall be granted to any person to sell liquors within one hundred rods of any municipal boundary line, except

by the joint action of the authorities of the adjacent municipalities.

The House Bill to amend section 58 of chapter 120 of the General Statutes, relative to fees remaining in the hands of justices of the peace, amended and passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came down for concurrence in the amendment. Under a suspension of the 44th rule, the House concurred.

Fees of justices of the peace.

Bills :

Relating to criminal jurisdiction over the islands and waters of Boston harbor; and Boston harbor.

To authorize the arrest of intoxicated persons without a warrant, in certain cases; Intoxicated persons.

Passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the committee on Finance, on an Order, a Bill in addition to an Act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government during the present year. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Appropriation bill No. 2

By Mr. Washburn of Worcester, from the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition of George W. Hunt, Jr., for leave to marry again. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Geo. W. Hunt.

By Mr. Pierce of Milton, from the same committee, on the Bill (on leave) to authorize the town of Greenfield to raise money to reimburse the Commonwealth for land taken for a railroad in Greenfield, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the same, and recommending that it be referred to the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel. The report was accepted under a suspension of the rule, and the bill was so referred and sent up for concurrence.

Greenfield.

Taken from the Table.

On motions of Mr. Kellogg of Pittsfield, the following matters were taken from the table :

Statement of the travelling expenses of the committees of the legislature during the past year. Placed on the files of the House.

Travelling expenses of committees.

Auditor's statement of the expenses of the Surgeon-General and his assistants for the years 1873, 1874 and

Surgeon-General.

1875. Referred to the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures.

Printing and
binding.

Auditor's statement of the amount expended for printing and binding for the year 1875, with a copy of the contract for state printing made in 1872. Referred to the committee on Printing and sent up for concurrence.

Tax Commis-
sioner.

Annual Report of the Deputy Tax Commissioner. Placed on the files of the House.

Orders of the Day.

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The report of the committee on Printing, on an Order relative to printing three hundred extra copies of the Surgeon-General's report, that the same ought to be adopted, was accepted, and the order adopted in concurrence.

The report, inexpedient to legislate, of the committee on Insurance, on an Order relative to advancing the price of insurance brokers' licenses, was laid on the table on motion of Mr. Moseley of Boston.

The report, leave to withdraw, of the committee on Elections, on petition of John C. Stimpson for the seat as representative for the 18th Essex district, with a Resolution concerning the seat of representative for the 18th Essex district, was accepted, and the resolution adopted.

Reports of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate :

On an Order relative to amending chapter 80 of the Acts of 1870, concerning the police court of Haverhill ;

On an Order relative to the compensation of counsel in capital causes of defendants without means ;

On an Order relative to refunding to counsel in capital cases sums actually and properly paid out by them in such defences ; and

On an Order relative to amending section 9 of chapter 116 of the General Statutes, so as to allow clerks of police courts to prosecute criminal proceedings, etc. ;

Were severally accepted.

The Bill to authorize the Boston & Maine Railroad to purchase the West Amesbury Branch Railroad, was read and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill (on leave) relating to the decision of exceptions and appeals in the Supreme Judicial Court, was rejected, as recommended by the committee on the Judiciary.

The Bill to fix the salaries of the Deputy Tax Commissioner and the several employes in the Tax Commissioner's department was further considered.

On the motion of Mr. Wade of Newton, to reconsider the vote whereby the House adopted the amendment moved by Mr. Pierce of Milton, the yeas and nays were ordered on motion of Mr. Jenks of Boston, and the motion to reconsider was lost; seventy-nine members voting in the affirmative, and one hundred and six in the negative, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Alley, William A.
Amsden, Edwin.
Atkinson, Michael.
Babson, John J.
Batchelor, Benjamin S.
Bird, Warren A.
Bird, Warren P.
Bowen, Francis C.
Brownell, Lysander N.
Buckminster, Joseph.
Bugbee, Francis.
Clapp, Frederick W.
Coburn, Edward.
Dennis, Henry, Jr.
Downer, Francis E.
Estabrook, Adin C.
Freeto, John.
Gleason, Samuel S.
Goodsell, Curtis B.
Hartt, Joseph T.
Hathaway, Frederick.
Hathaway, Isaac N.
Hill, John B.
Hitchings, Otis M.
Howland, Weston.
Ingalls, Ephraim A.
Jenks, Thomas L.
Keith, Ambrose.
Keith, Monroe.
Keith, Ziba C.
Kellogg, Ensign H.
Kimball, Ensign.
Kingsbury, Joseph A.
Knowles, John.
Lindsey, Nathaniel E.
Mackintosh, James.
Mann, Seth, 2d.

Messrs. March, Andrus.
Mayo, Edward F.
McCafferty, Matthew J.
Miner, Henry S.
Morse, Elijah A.
Morse, William.
Murphy, John J.
Nelson, Sherman.
Noble, Reuben.
Nourse, B. Alden.
Nutter, Isaac N.
Osgood, Charles S.
Partridge, David A.
Perry, George R.
Pew, Charles H., 2d.
Phinney, Stephen C.
Prouty, David.
Putnam, Henry W.
Richmond, Jonathan C.
Robinson, Wallace F.
Saunders, Amos J.
Sawyer, Enoch.
Sherman, Elon.
Smith, Andrew.
Smith, Newton.
Smith, Webster.
Stevens, James T.
Supple, James F.
Swan, Charles A. F.
Swett, Jackson B.
Taylor, Oliver.
Thayer, Davis, Jr.
Tuttle, Henry G.
Wade, Levi C.
Walden, Edwin.
Warren, Alonzo.
Waterman, Eleazer E.

Messrs. Watts, William.
Wellington Austin C.
Wetherell, John W.

Messrs. White, Joseph W.
Winslow, Isaac.

NAYS.

Messrs. Allen, Stillman B.
Appell, J. Franklin.
Ayer, Edwin.
Bailey, Daniel D.
Barker, Giles G.
Barry, Patrick.
Bartlett, Daniel W.
Bradley, Osgood, Jr.
Breed, Amos F.
Burr, Isaac T.
Capron, Charles C.
Carney, Michael.
Churchill, Gardner A.
Clapp, Lafayette.
Cobb, John D.
Coggsball, Henry F.
Converse, Charles S.
Cordis, Thomas F.
Coveney, Jeremiah W.
Croak, Michael J.
Crockner, Elisha, Jr.
Danforth, Charles H.
Dean, Herbert A.
Evans, Alonzo H.
Fairbanks, George O.
Fiske, Wesley L.
Foque, Theodore N.
Gardner, Charles L.
Gargan, Thomas J.
Garity, Thomas R.
Gifford, Benjamin.
Gilmore, Onslow.
Hale, Charles.
Hall, Andrew.
Hannum, Leander M.
Hapgood, Lyman S.
Hartwell, James D.
Hicks, Samuel D.
Hill, Henry B.
Hill, Joseph W.
Hoffman, Ira W.
Holley, Richard.
Holmes, Henry T.
Hunt, Jonas S.
Huse, Caleb B.

Messrs. Jones, Jesse H.
Keith, Isaac N.
Kendall, Edward.
Kennedy, Patrick.
Kimball, Moses.
King, William S.
Lawrence, Daniel W.
Loud, Charles A.
McPherson, Eben'r M.
Merritt, George W.
Mooney, Thomas.
Morissey, John.
Morrill, George W.
Moseley, Frederick P.
Murphy, Jeremiah.
Nichols, John B.
Noonan, Daniel.
Norton, John B.
Osborn, Weaver.
Parker, Frederick.
Parker, George G.
Phinney, Stephen C.
Pierce, Edward L.
Pillsbury, Albert E.
Pope, Charles G.
Read, Washington.
Reed, George R.
Reed, George W.
Reynolds, Rice M.
Rice, Charles B.
Rogers, Charles A.
Root, Joseph H.
Ropes, Joseph S.
Rust, Nathaniel J.
Sawin, Samuel D.
Searle, John F.
Shattuck, Elijah C.
Shaw, George A.
Slade, Albion K.
Sleeper, Solomon S.
Small, Isaiah A.
Smith, Robert D.
Southwick, John R.
Stacey, Benjamin F.
Sullivan, Michael.

Messrs. Swett, Noah.	Messrs. White, Benjamin.
Talbot, Samuel, Jr.	Whitney, Edward.
Taylor, Charles A.	Williams, Moses, Jr.
Truell, Byron.	Wilson, George C.
Wadsworth, Alexander.	Wing, Daniel.
Wallace, William S.	Winship, Thomas.
Washburn, John D.	Woods, William.
Webster, David L.	Woodward, James C.

Yeas, 79 ; nays, 106.

Further amendments moved by Messrs. Croak of Boston, Loud of Winchendon, and Merritt of Springfield, were rejected, and the bill was passed to be engrossed by a vote of one hundred and thirteen to twenty-eight, and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

Establishing the salary of the Auditor, and clerks in his department ;

Relating to certain employes in the department of the Treasurer and Receiver-General of the Commonwealth ;

To fix the salary of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and persons employed in the Secretary's department (amended as recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading) ;

To establish the salaries of the Sergeant-at-Arms, doorkeepers, assistant doorkeepers, postmaster, messengers and pages of the Senate and House of Representatives ;

Regulating the salary of the engineer, watchmen and firemen at the state house ; and

Making appropriations for the maintenance of the government for the present year ;

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

At 3.33, adjourned.

TUESDAY, February 1, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. White of Acushnet, petition of Benjamin Battles for state aid. Referred to the committee on Claims. Benjamin Battles.

Plymouth—Eel
River.

By Mr. Morissey of Plymouth, petition of the selectmen and 591 others of Plymouth for the regulation of the taking of eels from Eel River in said town. Referred to the committee on the Fisheries.

Woman suf-
frage.

By Mr. Southwick of Lowell, petition of Mrs. O. J. Gilman and 29 others for woman suffrage. Referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

Taxation of
church prop-
erty.

By Mr. Merritt of Springfield, petition of F. R. Ladd and 218 others for the taxation of church property. Referred to the committee on the Taxation of Church Property.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Orders.

Militia.

On motion of Mr. Churchill of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on Military Affairs investigate and report, as soon as practicable, any facts or information they may obtain in the matter of "straw men," whose names are borne upon muster rolls, sworn to by commanding officers of companies of militia, and for whom money has been paid by the State; or as to false returns by captains of companies as to number of days' service by said companies or any members thereof. Also, that said committee report whether further legislation, and if so what, is required to prevent such practice in any company or companies, and whether, if any commanding officer has been or shall be guilty of such practice, said officer may again become a member of the militia.

20th joint rule.

On motion of Mr. Hawkes of Lynn,—

Ordered, That the Clerks of the two Houses cause the 20th joint rule to be published once a week, in six daily newspapers, published within this Commonwealth, until the 22d of February.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Divorce.

On motion of Mr. Allen of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending the law so that after a divorce is decreed both parties may marry again.

Poor debtor's
oath.

On motion of Mr. Kellogg of Pittsfield,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire and report, whether any amendment of sections 10 and 15 of chapter 124 of the General Statutes in regard to taking the poor debtor's oath is expedient. Also, whether any

additional legislation is necessary in regard to the personal property of the debtor.

On motion of Mr. Ingalls of Lynn,—

Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery Executors, administrators, etc. inquire whether any legislation is needed as to the rendering of accounts by executors, administrators, guardians or trustees, and report by bill or otherwise.

The consideration of the Order relative to the completion Manual. of only fifteen hundred copies of the Manual, laid over yesterday, was postponed until to-morrow, on motion of Mr. King of Boston.

The Order relative to reducing the expenses of the judicial department of the Commonwealth, laid over yesterday, was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. Jenks of Boston. Courts.

The Senate Order relative to the report of the State Board of Health, laid over, was amended, on motion of Mr. Noonan of Boston, by striking out the provision for printing, and adopted. Board of Health.

Introduced on Leave.

By Mr. Noble of Westfield, a Bill in relation to the taxation of real estate. Taxation. Read, referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs, and sent up for concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Rogers of Chelsea, from the committee on Harbors, leave to withdraw on the petition of N. J. Bean and others, for the use of Hangman's Island. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

By Mr. Nutter of East Bridgewater, on an order, a bill to establish the salaries of the Adjutant-General and the several employes in the Adjutant-General's department. Read, and ordered to a second reading under suspension of the 42d rule.

Orders of the Day.

The report, leave to withdraw, of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on the petition of William Washburn, for renewal of the charter of the Grand Hotel Company, was accepted in concurrence.

The report, leave to withdraw, of the committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of George W. Hunt, Jr., that he may have leave to marry again, was accepted.

The Bill in addition to an Act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government during the present year, was read and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to authorize the Boston & Maine Railroad to purchase the West Amesbury Branch Railroad, was read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

At 3.40 P. M., adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, February 2, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

Peddlers.

By Mr. Bird of Natick, petition of John Jennings and 203 others for amendment of section 13 of chapter 50 of the General Statutes, relative to unlicensed peddlers.

Newburyport
Society for
Relief of Aged
Females.

By Mr. Atkinson of Newburyport, petition of the Newburyport Society for the Relief of Aged Females for authority to hold additional real and personal estate.

Severally referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Woman suf-
frage.

By Mr. Jones of Abington, petitions of Hulda B. Loud and 184 others, and Mrs. A. W. Winslow, M. D., and 45 others; by Mr. Hale of Boston, petition of Abby W. May and 95 others; by Mr. Wing of Yarmouth, petition of C. A. Bradley and 19 others; by Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, petition of Wilder S. Thurston and 11 others; by Mr. Bartlett of Essex, petition of M. Haskell and 20 others; by Mr. Moseley of Boston, petition of Lucy Stone and 36 others; by Mr. Lawrence of Medford, petition of Elizur Wright and 34 others; by Mr. Estabrook of Lunenburg, petition of D. L. Abercrombie and 56 others; by Mr. Longley of Shirley, petition of George S. Shaw and 42 others; by Mr. Smith of Lexington, petition of William Gilman and 108 others; and by Mr. Norton of Boston, petition of William H. Brown and 36 others; severally for woman suffrage.

Crows and
hawks.

Severally referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.
By Mr. Reed of Dartmouth, petition of Wm. B. Trap-

per and others for legislation for the destruction of crows and hawks. Referred to the committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. Coggs of Fitchburg, petition of D. C. Miles and 216 others, in aid of the petition (1875) of F. S. Coolidge and others for a savings bank in Westminster. Referred to the committee on Banks and Banking. Westminster Savings Bank.

By Mr. Williams of Brookline, petition of Eugene S. Morse to be reimbursed for the value of a horse killed by reason of abuse in the procession of June 17, 1875. Referred to the committee on Claims. Eugene S. Morse.

By Mr. Snow of Barnstable, petition of C. C. Bearse and 52 others for a bridge across "Broad Nook" in Barnstable. Referred to the committee on Harbors. Broad Nook.

By Mr. Coveney of Cambridge, petition of John P. Squire and others, for change of boundary between Somerville and Cambridge. Referred to the committee on Towns. Somerville and Cambridge.

By Mr. Parker of Milford, petition of the town of Milford for authority to take water from Charles River. Referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage. Milford.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Pierce of Milton, petition of I. T. Burr for an act to authorize the Newton Free Library to transfer its franchise and property to the city of Newton. Newton Free Library.

By Mr. Snow of Barnstable, the memorial of Nathaniel Hinckley for redress of grievances and more prompt remedies in suits at law. Lawsuits.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Taken from the Files.

On motion of Mr. Coggs of Fitchburg, petition of F. S. Coolidge and others for a savings bank in Westminster. Referred to the committee on Banks and Banking. Westminster Savings Bank.

On motion of Mr. Cobb of Dedham, petition of Edward S. Rand, Jr., and others, for an act of incorporation as the Dedham Water Company. Referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage. Dedham Water Company.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Williams of Brookline,—

Ordered, That the committee on Railroads inquire into the expediency of amending the statutes regulating and Town subscriptions to railroad stock.

authorizing subscriptions by towns and cities to the stock and securities of railroad corporations; and also of amending section 10 of chapter 209 of the Acts of the year 1875, by striking out the last nineteen words of said section.

On motion of Mr. Pillsbury of Boston,—

Deputy Insurance Commissioner.

Ordered, That the committee on Insurance consider whether any necessity exists for continuing both the offices of Insurance Commissioner and Deputy Insurance Commissioner; whether the duties of both offices cannot be performed by one person, and whether the office of Deputy Insurance Commissioner should not be abolished.

On motion of Mr. Lawrence of Medford,—

Militia.

Ordered, That the committee on Military Affairs inquire and report what, if any, alterations are required in the laws relating to the militia, in order to increase the efficiency of that force, as well as to reduce its expense.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Washburn of Worcester,—

Water rates.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending the laws relating to the collection of water-rates.

On motion of the same gentleman,—

Taxes.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of repealing section 41 of chapter 11 of the General Statutes, relative to discount on taxes.

On motion of Mr. Gardner of Palmer,—

Poor debtors.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending section 48 of chapter 124 of the General Statutes, relating to the fees of magistrates in matters pertaining to poor debtors.

On motion of Mr. Hale of Boston,—

Intestates.

Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery consider the expediency of amending the laws for the distribution of estates of persons dying intestate, in the manner suggested in the letter of the judge of probate for Middlesex County (printed in Public Document, No. 31, of 1874), or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Miner of Phillipston,—

Fees.

Ordered, That the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures consider and report whether officers now

paid by fees should not be paid by fixed salary, paying over all fees into the state and county treasuries.

The Order relative to the completion of only fifteen hundred copies of the Manual, the consideration of which was postponed from yesterday, was withdrawn by Mr. Jones of Abington. Manual.

The Order relative to the expenses of the Judiciary department of the Commonwealth was taken from the table, on motion of Mr. Pierce of Milton, and, on motion of Mr. Washburn of Worcester, was so amended as to provide for the reference of the subject to a joint special committee, to consist of five on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join. The order as amended was then adopted, and the following gentlemen were appointed on the part of the House: Messrs. McCafferty of Worcester, Mann of Randolph, Seymour of Springfield, Pillsbury of Boston and Reynolds of Monson. Courts.

Sent up to be joined.

Introduced on Leave.

By Mr. Washburn of Worcester, a Bill to authorize the appointment of additional masters in chancery in the county of Worcester. Read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Worcester County—masters in chancery.

Paper from the Senate.

Petition of the Old Colony Railroad Company for authority to build a branch railroad in the town of Quincy. Referred in concurrence to the committee on Railroads. Old Colony Railroad.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Pierce of Milton, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Senate Bill to authorize the arrest of intoxicated persons without a warrant, in certain cases, ought to pass. Arrest of intoxicated persons.

By Mr. Loud of Winchendon, from the committee on Finance, that the Resolve in favor of James B. Collingwood ought to pass. James B. Collingwood.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

By Mr. Rust of Boston, from the committee on Finance, on an Order, a Bill making additional appropriations for Appropriation bill. No. 2.

certain expenditures authorized in eighteen hundred and seventy-five and previous years. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Polls, property,
etc.

By Mr. Breed of Lynn, from the same committee, no legislation necessary, on the Fifteenth Annual Abstract of Polls, Property, Taxes, etc.

Finance and
currency.

By Mr. Dean of Adams, from the same committee, on the communication of Calvin Butler relating to finance and the currency, inexpedient to legislate; and recommending that the memorial be printed.

Free passes.

By Mr. Williams of Brookline, from the committee on Railroads, on the petition of S. C. Fay and others for legislation to prohibit the granting of free passes to members of the legislature, and on an Order on the same subject, that it is inexpedient to legislate, and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw. Messrs. Moseley and Noble of the committee dissented, and recommended the adoption of an amendment to the Constitution as follows: "No officer or employé of this Commonwealth, either in the executive, legislative or judicial departments, shall receive or accept a free pass, directly or indirectly, over any railroad chartered by or organized under the authority of this State; and any person accepting and using such free pass, shall thereby forfeit the office to which he was appointed or elected."

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Orders of the Day.

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day.

The report, leave to withdraw, of the committee on Harbors, on the petition of N. J. Bean and others for the use of Hangman's Island, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to establish the salaries of the Adjutant-General and the several employés in the Adjutant-General's department was read, amended on motion of Mr. King of Boston, and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill in addition to an Act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government during the present year was read and considered. Pending amendments moved by Messrs. Haskell of Ipswich and Jones of Abington, the further consideration of the bill was postponed until to-morrow, on motion of Mr. Coveney of Cambridge, and the House

At 3.48, adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 3, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Coggeshall of Fitchburg, petition of T. B. Cook and 149 others; by Mr. Hunt of Sudbury, petition of Rev. J. C. Knowlton and 34 others; by Mr. Wallace of Weymouth, petition of Darius Smith and 25 others; by Mr. Wetherbee of Warren, petition of W. B. Stone and 75 others; by Mr. Sherman of Weymouth, petition of Elias Richards and 35 others; and by Mr. J. W. Hill of Boston, petition of Russell Marston and 88 others,—severally for woman suffrage.

Severally referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

By Mr. Snow of Barnstable, petition of Freeman H. Lothrop and 38 others, in aid of the petition of Elizur Wright and others to be incorporated as the Massachusetts Family Bank.

Referred to the committee on Insurance.

By Mr. Loud of Winchendon, petition of Henry W. Fuller for the passage of an act to amend the charter of the Old Colony Wharf Company.

Referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Sandford of Ware, petition of E. C. Richardson and others of Ware that said town may be authorized to fund its debt.

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Nutter of East Bridgewater,—

Ordered, That the committee on Banks and Banking consider the expediency of fixing a maximum rate of interest on all loans made by savings banks on mortgage of real estate.

On motion of Mr. Partridge of Medway,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Liquor Law consider the expediency of so amending chapter 99 of the Acts of 1875 as to provide that apothecaries may be

licensed to sell spirituous or intoxicating liquors for mechanical and medicinal purposes only.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Allen of Boston,—

Sentences for capital crimes.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of so amending the laws that in cases where persons are convicted of capital crimes the presiding justices shall fix the times for the execution of the sentences.

On motion of Mr. Foque of Malden,—

Election sermon.

Ordered, That a committee of three be appointed to present the thanks of the House to Rev. Samuel W. Foljambe of Malden, for his able and eloquent discourse before the executive and legislative branches of the government on January 5th, and to request a copy for publication.

Messrs. Foque of Malden, Rice of Danvers, and Pope of Somerville were appointed as the committee.

Taken from the Table.

Evacuation of Boston.

The Order relative to the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the evacuation of Boston by the British was taken from the table on motion of Mr. Washburn of Worcester, and, on motion of the same gentleman, was indefinitely postponed.

Introduced on Leave.

Railroad auditors.

By Mr. Haskell of Ipswich, a Bill requiring railroad corporations to choose an auditor of accounts.

Read, referred to the committee on Railroads, and sent up for concurrence.

Stable keepers' liens.

By Mr. Cordis of Longmeadow, a Bill giving livery and feeding stable keepers a lien upon horses, mules and other animals, for charges of boarding and keeping the same.

Read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Papers from the Senate.

Board of Health.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Printing consider the expediency of engraving the maps accompanying the report of the State Board of Health.

The following papers were referred in concurrence :—

Ordered, That one thousand extra copies of the report of the Harbor Commissioners be printed, four hundred of which shall be at the disposal of the board, and six hundred for the use of the members of the Legislature. Harbor Commissioners.

Ordered, That there be printed for the use of the Legislature six thousand copies of the report of the Commissioners on Inland Fisheries. Fish Commissioners.

Severally to the committee on Printing.

Petition of the Somerville, Middlesex and Union railroad companies for confirmation of certain contracts and leases. To the committee on Street Railways. Somerville, Middlesex and Union railway companies.

Petition of Mrs. Nina Moore and others in favor of woman suffrage. To the committee on Woman Suffrage. Woman suffrage.

Annual report of the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy. To the committee on Education. Museum of Comparative Zoölogy.

List of pardons granted by the Governor and Council for 1875. To the committee on Prisons. Pardons.

Bill Enacted.

An engrossed Bill to amend section 58 of chapter 120 of the General Statutes, relative to fees remaining in the hands of justices of the peace; Bill enacted.

(Which originated in the House;)

Was passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Croak of Boston, from the committee on Claims, Lynn. on petition of the mayor of Lynn, a Resolve in favor of the city of Lynn.

Read and referred under the rule to the committee on Finance.

By Mr. Whitney of Belmont, from the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of William H. Hammond for state aid; and W. H. Hammond.

By Mr. Buckminster of New Bedford, from the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Maria J. Crosby for state aid. Maria J. Crosby.

By Mr. J. W. Hill of Boston, from the committee on Prisons, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to the transfer of persons convicted of vagrancy from jails and houses of correction to the state workhouse. Transfer of vagrants.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Boston harbor.

By Mr. Washburn of Worcester, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Senate Bill relating to criminal jurisdiction over the islands and waters of Boston harbor ought to pass.

Placed in the orders of the day for its second reading to-morrow.

Surgeon-General's department.

By Mr. Miner of Phillipston, from the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures, on an order and a statement, a Bill relating to the Surgeon-General's department.

State Charities.

By Mr. Partridge of Medway, from the same committee, on an order, a Bill relating to certain employes of the Board of State Charities.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading under a suspension of the rule requiring their reference to the committee on Finance.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

Reports of the committee on Finance :

Inexpedient to legislate, on the communication of Calvin Butler relating to finance and the currency, with a recommendation that the communication be printed ; and

No legislation necessary, on the Fifteenth Annual Abstract of Polls, Property, Taxes, etc. ;

Were severally accepted.

The report of the committee on Railroads, on petition of S. C. Fay and others for legislation to prohibit the granting of free passes over railroads to members of the Legislature, and on an order of the House on the same subject, that it is expedient to legislate, and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw, was accepted and sent up for concurrence, the House refusing to substitute the recommendation of the minority to amend the Constitution.

Subsequently, Mr. Noble of Westfield moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the report was accepted, and the motion was placed first in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

The Senate Bill to authorize the arrest of intoxicated persons without a warrant, in certain cases, was read, amended on motion of Mr. Gargan of Boston, and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill making additional appropriations for certain expenditures authorized in 1875 and previous years, was

read, and on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, its further consideration was postponed until half-past two o'clock to-morrow afternoon; the question being on ordering the bill to a third reading.

The Bill in addition to an Act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government during the present year was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence, the pending amendments moved by Messrs. Haskell of Ipswich and Jones of Abington being rejected.

The Bill to establish the salaries of the Adjutant-General and the several employes in the Adjutant-General's department was read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Resolve in favor of James B. Collingwood was read, and on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, was laid upon the table; the question being on ordering to a third reading.

At 5.05, adjourned.

FRIDAY, February 4, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

The abstract of the certificates of corporations organized in 1875 was received, referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs, and sent up for concurrence. Certificates of corporations.

On motion of Mr. Truell of Lawrence, the annual report of the State Gas Inspector was ordered to be printed. Gas inspector.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Rust of Boston, petition of Wm. Lloyd Garrison and 220 others; by Mr. Snow of Barnstable, petition of E. S. Whittemore and 23 others; and by Mr. Small of Provincetown, petition of T. N. Stone and 74 others,—severally for legislation relative to lunatic hospitals. Lunatic hospitals.

Severally referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

By Mr. Holmes of Chelsea, petition of John H. Roberts for state aid for Edward W. Steimle; and by Mr. Merritt of Scituate, petition of Philip D. Minot for state aid. Edward M. Steimle.
Philip D. Minot.

Severally referred to the committee on Claims.

Arbitration.

By Mr. Kellogg of Pittsfield, petition of L. R. Eastman and 84 others, that Congress be requested to legislate with a view to the settlement of international disputes by arbitration. Read and referred to the committee on Federal Relations.

Burton Brewing Company.

By Mr. Williams of Brookline, petition of William H. Alley and others for an act of incorporation under the name of the Burton Brewing Company. Referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Woodlawn Cemetery.

By Mr. Evans of Everett, remonstrance of inhabitants of Everett against the petition of the Woodlawn Cemetery Corporation for authority to use a certain tract of land for burial purposes.

Id.

By Mr. Pope of Somerville, petition of Jacob T. Glines and 16 others in aid of the petition of James Adams and others, trustees of the Woodlawn Cemetery.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Hale of Boston,—

Annual reports.

Ordered, That the committee on Printing consider the expediency of prescribing by law that the provisions of chapter 4 of the General Statutes, relative to the making of annual reports by public officers and boards before the meeting of the General Court, be applicable to as many of such other reports as are now made at a later date as can be made and printed before the meeting of the General Court without disadvantage to the public interests.

On motion of the same gentleman,—

Stock-lists, etc.

Ordered, That the committee on Railroads consider the expediency of providing by law that the stock-list and transfer-books of railroad corporations shall be open to public inspection.

On motion of Mr. Morse of Canton,—

Liquor law.

Ordered, That the committee on the Liquor Law inquire into the expediency of amending section 16 of the present liquor law, by prefacing the section with the words, "The mayor or an alderman of any city, or a selectman of any town," to the end that the wife, child or guardian may (for obvious reasons) give the notice or make the complaint provided by this section indirectly.

On motion of Mr. Snow of Barnstable,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Liquor Law inquire Liquor law. into the expediency of amending chapter 99 of the Acts of the year 1875, so that towns may be authorized to appoint town agents for the sale of spirituous or intoxicating liquors for medicinal, chemical and mechanical purposes only.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Allen of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider Driving of cattle, etc. the expediency of legislation giving towns and cities the power to regulate the driving of sheep, swine and neat-cattle on streets and highways.

On motion of Mr. Smith of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire Suffolk County jurors. into the expediency of legislating upon the mode of selecting jurors in the county of Suffolk.

The following Order, offered by Mr. Stevens of Braintree, was referred to the committee on Printing and sent up for concurrence:—

Ordered, That five hundred extra copies of the annual Tax Commissioner. report of the Tax Commissioner be printed for the use of said Commissioner.

The following Order, offered by Mr. Croak of Boston, was laid over at the request of Mr. Pillsbury of Boston:—

Ordered, That whenever there is not a quorum in the Absentees. House the roll of members shall be called, and the names of the absentees published.

Papers from the Senate.

The petition of the mayor of Chelsea for a change in the Mystic River and Chelsea bridge. harbor lines of the Mystic River, and for authority to rebuild Chelsea Bridge, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Harbors.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Banks Savings banks. and Banking inquire into the expediency of providing by statute that savings banks shall compute and allow, by a uniform rule, interest on deposits made in the savings banks of the State.

The Order relative to printing additional copies of the Governor's address. Governor's address, adopted by the House, with an amendment, came down with an indorsement that the Senate refused to concur in the amendment. Laid on the table.

Springfield &
New London
Railroad Com-
pany.

A bill to authorize the Springfield and New London Railroad Company to lease its railroad, and make contracts for operating the same, introduced on leave in the Senate, and referred to the committee on Railroads, was ruled out by the Speaker, under the 22d joint rule.

The following reports were accepted, in concurrence, under a suspension of the rule:—

Boston—sewing
in schools.

Of the committee on Education, no action necessary, on the petition of the mayor of Boston for legislation in regard to sewing in the public schools; the ground being covered by a general law enacted at the present session; and

Treasury secur-
ities.

Of the committee on Expenditures, on an Order, that they have examined the securities and other property in the hands of the late Treasurer and Receiver-General of the Commonwealth, and transferred the same to the present incumbent of that office.

Reports of Committees.

Mary Luddy.

By Mr. Hawks of Shelburne, from the committee on Claims, on an order, a Resolve in favor of Mary Luddy. Read and referred in course to the committee on Finance.

Boston School
Committee.

By Mr. Pierce of Milton, from the committee on the Judiciary, recommending that the Order relative to amending chapter 241 of the Acts of 1875, relating to the school committee of the city of Boston, be referred to the committee on Education. The report was accepted under a suspension of the rule, and the order was so referred and sent up for concurrence.

Dog laws.

By Mr. Mayo of Warwick, from the committee on Agriculture, leave to withdraw, on petition of W. H. Bates and 65 others for amendment of the dog laws.

Commissioners
on Taxation.

By Mr. Huse of Newburyport, from the committee on Printing, that the Order relative to printing five hundred copies of the report of the Commissioners on Taxation ought to pass.

Real estate.

By Mr. Smith of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to recording proceedings in court, and instruments affecting the title to real estate.

Suffolk County
deputy sheriffs.

By Mr. Pierce of Milton, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to the service of civil process and deputy sheriffs in Suffolk County.

Justices of the
peace.

By Mr. Washburn of Worcester, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to

amending chapter 120 of the General Statutes, concerning judicial powers of justices of the peace.

By Mr. Gardner of Palmer, from the same committee, Poor debtors. inexpedient to legislate on an order relative to amending section 48 of chapter 124 of the General Statutes, relating to the fees of magistrates in matters pertaining to poor debtors.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, that Fire-arms. the Bill (on leave) to prevent the careless handling of fire-arms, ought not to pass.

Placed in the orders of the day for Monday, the question being on its rejection.

By Mr. Pierce of Milton, from the same committee, on Boston constables. an order, a Bill (on leave) relating to constables in the city of Boston, and petitions in aid of the same, a Bill relating to constables in the city of Boston.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, on Sentences. orders, adopted January 13 and January 15, a Bill relating to the deductions from the terms of sentences of convicts in the state prison.

By Mr. Truell of Lawrence, from the committee on Collateral Loan Company. Mercantile Affairs, on a petition, a Bill to change the time of election of the directors of the Collateral Loan Company, and for other purposes.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, on a Boston Police Relief Association. petition, a Bill to incorporate the Boston Police Relief Association.

By Mr. Churchill of Boston, from the committee on Juvenile offenders. Public Charitable Institutions, on the report of the Board of State Charities, a Bill providing for the return of juvenile offenders to the state reform and industrial schools.

By Mr. Miner of Phillipston, from the committee on Members of legislature. State Salaries and Expenditures, that the Bill (on leave) fixing the compensation of members of the Legislature ought to pass in a new draft.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

By Mr. Washburn of Worcester, from the committee Worcester County masters in chancery. on the Judiciary, that the Bill (on leave) to authorize the appointment of additional masters in chancery in the county of Worcester ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for a second reading on Monday.

Laid on the Table.

Free passes.

On motion of Mr. Noble of Westfield, his motion to reconsider the vote whereby the House accepted the report of the committee on Railroads, on petition of S. C. Fay and others, for legislation to prohibit the granting of free passes over railroads to members of the Legislature, and on an Order of the House on the same subject, that it is inexpedient to legislate, and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw, was discharged from the orders of the day and laid on the table.

*Special Assignment.*Appropriation
Bill. No. 2.

The Bill making additional appropriations for certain expenditures authorized in 1875 and previous years was further considered.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, the House went into committee of the whole to consider the bill, the Speaker designating Mr. Hale of Boston as chairman.

Hon. Carroll D. Wright, superintendent of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, appeared before the committee in explanation of that part of the bill relating to an appropriation for expenses incurred in taking the industrial statistics and decennial census of the Commonwealth.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, the committee rose, reported progress, and asked to be discharged from further consideration of the bill, which report was accepted by the House, and the committee was discharged. The bill was then amended, on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, and ordered to a third reading.

*Orders of the Day.*Orders of the
day.

Reports of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw :
On the petition of Maria J. Crosby for state aid ; and
On the petition of William H. Hammond for state aid ;
Were severally accepted.

The report of the committee on Prisons, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to the transfer of vagrants from jails and houses of correction to the state workhouse, was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. Paul of Boston.

Bills :

Relating to the Surgeon-General's department ;

Relating to criminal jurisdiction over the islands and waters of Boston Harbor ; and

Relating to certain employes of the Board of State Charities (amended on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston) ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to authorize the arrest of intoxicated persons, without a warrant, in certain cases, was considered.

Mr. Hale of Boston moved an amendment, pending which the bill was, on motion of Mr. Evans of Everett, laid on the table.

At 4.35, adjourned.

MONDAY, February 7, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

A communication was received from the board of aldermen of the city of Boston, with a table showing the distribution of legal voters in the new wards of the city, in response to an order of the Legislature. Referred to the committee on Redistricting the State, and ordered to be printed. Sent up for concurrence.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Amsden of Hudson, petition of A. F. Hall and 289 others ; by Mr. Preston of Beverly, petition of J. H. Tenney and 72 others ; by Mr. Downer of Boston, petition of Francis Wasson and 73 others ; by Mr. Noonan of Boston, petition of Franklin Gay and 37 others ; and by Mr. Wilson of Taunton, petition of Mrs. C. P. Lothrop and 315 others,—severally for woman suffrage.

Severally referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

By Mr. Shattuck of Colrain, petition of G. W. Jones and 128 others ; and of John Sanderson and 62 others ; severally in aid of the petition of Nelson Burrows and others, that Franklin County may be relieved from the expense of maintaining a certain bridge.

Severally referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

By Mr. Allen of Boston, petition of Baldwin Place Home for Little Wanderers for amendment of charter. Referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

North End Sav-
ings Bank.

By Mr. Smith of Boston, petition of the North End Savings Bank of Boston for the removal of certain restrictions in the location of the bank. Referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Bass River.

By Mr. Wing of Yarmouth, petition of Winthrop Sears and 68 others, for amendment of an act to authorize the towns of Dennis and Yarmouth to regulate the fisheries in Bass River. Referred to the committee on the Fisheries.

Abby C. Hall-
day.

By Mr. Stacey of Boston, petition of Abby C. Halliday for state aid. Referred to the committee on Claims.

Museum of
Comparative
Zoölogy.

By Mr. Pierce of Milton, petition of the trustees of the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy for authority to convey the property in their hands to the President and Fellows of Harvard College. Referred to the committee on Education.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Woodlawn
Cemetery.

By Mr. Holmes of Chelsea, petition of A. W. Goodsell and 46 others; of F. A. Barnes and 59 others; of George Studley and 81 others; and of Russell Upham and others; and by Mr. Rogers of Chelsea, petition of John Buck and 44 others,—severally in aid of the petition of James Adams and others, trustees of Woodlawn Cemetery.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Washburn of Worcester,—

Administrators,
executors, etc.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of an amendment to chapter 280 of the Acts of the year 1873, by inserting in the second section before the word "administrators," the words "executors, administrators with the will annexed."

On motion of Mr. Smith of Boston,—

Boston courts.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider what changes are necessary in the boundary lines of the districts of the several municipal courts within the city of Boston in consequence of the recent division of that city into new wards. Also whether the clerks of said courts shall be elected by the qualified voters of the respective districts, or by the ballots of all the voters of the city; or whether the existing act shall be so amended as to provide that said clerks shall be appointed by the Governor and Council.

On motion of Mr. Parker of Milford,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider what legislation is required to secure the collection of taxes on mortgaged personal property. Taxes on mortgages of personal property.

On motion of Mr. Ropes of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of dividing ward 22 of the city of Boston into two separate wards, and giving to each the privilege of electing two members of the common council. Ward 22, Boston.

The following Order, offered by Mr. Swett of Haverhill, was laid over at the request of Mr. Pierce of Milton:—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire how many homesteads have been forfeited the last two years, and how many estates have been sold under a power of sale mortgage in the several counties of this Commonwealth, and the rate of interest said estates were mortgaged for; and that the several registers of deeds be requested to furnish the committee the information required, and be authorized for that purpose to employ clerks at the expense of the Commonwealth; and that said committee be required to report to the House at the earliest day possible. Estates sold under mortgage.

The Order offered yesterday by Mr. Croak of Boston, and laid over, relative to calling the roll of members in the absence of a quorum, was amended on motion of that gentleman, and on motion of Mr. Allen of Boston was indefinitely postponed. Absentees.

Introduced on Leave.

By Mr. Osborn of Fall River, a Bill relating to the second district court of Bristol. Read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Second district court of Bristol.

Papers from the Senate.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Public Charitable Institutions inquire into and report as to the mode of holding trial justices' courts at the Tewksbury Almshouse, and also such other information bearing thereon as may be of interest to the Commonwealth. Tewksbury Almshouse.

The following Order was referred in concurrence to the committee on Printing:—

Ordered, That there be printed for the use of the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy, 1,200 extra copies of the report of the trustees of said museum. Museum of Comparative Zoölogy.

Bonds, plates,
etc.

The report of the committee on Expenditures, on an Order, that they have destroyed certain plates and bonds, accepted by the Senate, was read and accepted under a suspension of the rule.

Taken from the Table.

James B. Col-
lingwood.

On motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, the Resolve in favor of James B. Collingwood. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on ordering it to a third reading.

Vagrants.

On motion of Mr. Pierce of Milton, the report of the committee on Prisons, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to the transfer of vagrants from jails and houses of correction to the state workhouse.

The same gentleman moved to amend by substituting a Bill relating to the transfer of certain convicts confined in houses of correction to the state workhouse. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on substituting the bill.

Arrest of intox-
icated persons.

On motion of Mr. Evans of Everett, the Bill to authorize the arrest of intoxicated persons without a warrant, in certain cases. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on engrossment.

Reports of Committees.

Clerks of Senate
and House.

By Mr. Wade of Newton, from the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures, on an order, a Bill to fix the salaries of the Clerks of the Senate and House of Representatives.

Driving cattle.

By Mr. Allen of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, on a petition of the mayor of Boston, and an order, a Bill authorizing cities and towns to regulate the driving of cattle over public ways.

Newton Free
Library.

By Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, from the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the transfer of the Newton Free Library to the city of Newton.

Auditors.

By Mr. Smith of Boston, from the same committee, on a petition, a Bill in relation to the appointment of auditors under chapter 43 of the General Statutes.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading; the 42d rule being suspended in the case of the first bill.

Discharged from the Orders.

Justices of the
peace.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to amendment of

chapter 120 of the General Statutes, relative to judicial powers of justices of the peace, was, on motion of Mr. Washburn of Worcester, discharged from the orders of the day and recommitted to the committee.

Orders of the Day.

The report of the committee on Printing, that the order relative to printing 500 copies of the report of the Commissioners on Taxation ought to be adopted, was, on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, indefinitely postponed. Orders of the day.

Reports :

Of the committee on Agriculture, leave to withdraw, on the petition of W. H. Bates and others for an amendment of the dog laws ;

Of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to recording proceedings in court and instruments affecting the title to real estate ;

Of the same committee, inexpedient to legislate on an order relative to amending section 48 of chapter 124 of the General Statutes, relating to the fees of magistrates in matters pertaining to poor debtors ; and

Of the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to the service of civil process and deputy sheriffs in Suffolk County ;

Were severally accepted, and the first-named sent up for concurrence.

The Bill (on leave) to prevent the careless handling of fire-arms, the question being on rejection, as recommended by the committee on the Judiciary, was, on motion of Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, laid upon the table.

Bills :

Relating to constables in the city of Boston ;

Relating to the deductions from the terms of sentences of convicts in the state prison ;

To authorize the appointment of additional masters in chancery in the county of Worcester ;

To change the time of election of the directors of the Collateral Loan Company, and for other purposes (amended on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston) ;

To incorporate the Boston Police Relief Association ;

Providing for the return of juvenile offenders to the state reform and industrial schools ; and

Fixing the compensation of members of the legislature;
Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

Making additional appropriations for certain expenditures authorized in 1875 and previous years;

Relating to the Surgeon-General's department; and

Relating to certain employes of the Board of State Charities;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill relating to criminal jurisdiction over the islands and waters of Boston Harbor, was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

At 4.10, adjourned.

TUESDAY, February 8, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the chaplain.

Railroad Commissioners.

The seventh annual report of the Board of Railroad Commissioners was received, referred to the committee on Railroads, and sent up for concurrence.

Petitions Presented.

Woman suffrage.

By Mr. Kimball of Boston, petition of Charles W. Slaek and others; by Mr. Hapgood of Boston, petition of David Howe and 41 others; by Mr. Shattuck of Colrain, petition of Dr. W. S. Severance and 59 others; by Mr. Hicks of Arlington, petition of George M. Rogers and 59 others; and by Mr. Swett of Haverhill, petition of M. J. Sawin and 24 others,—severally for woman suffrage.

Severally referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

Mill River Button Company.
Greenville Manufacturing Company.

By Mr. Hawks of Shelburne, petition of the Mill River Button Company, and petition of the Greenville Manufacturing Company, severally that their corporation tax of 1875 may be refunded.

Norris Chamberlain.

By Mr. Keith of Granby, petition of Norris Chamberlain for state aid.

By Mr. Knowlton of New Bedford, petition of James H. Look for compensation for damages sustained by reason of unjustifiable arrest by a state constable.

Severally referred to the committee on Claims.

By Mr. Dean of Adams, petition of William C. Plunkett and sixty-four others, and petition of A. W. Preston and seventy-six others, severally for postponement of legislation concerning the division of the town of Adams.

Severally referred to the committee on Towns.

By Mr. Brownell of Colrain, petition of V. M. Howard and others, for incorporation as trustees of the Dickinson High School and Deerfield Academy. Referred to the committee on Education.

By Mr. Fuller of Boston, petition of Sewall, Day & Co. and others, for exemption from the ten-hour law. Referred to the committee on Bureau of Statistics.

By Mr. Knowlton of New Bedford, petition of the Fall River Railroad Company for authority to sell or lease its property. Referred to the committee on Railroads.

By Mr. Daniels of Oxford, petition of Thomas E. Babb and four hundred and eighty-eight others for repeal of the license law. Referred to the committee on the Liquor Law.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Smith of Boston, petition of the proprietors of the cemetery of Mount Auburn for amendment of charter. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Taken from the Files.

On motion of Mr. Kellogg of Pittsfield, the Bill to authorize the Commissioners on Inland Fisheries to occupy great ponds for the cultivation and distribution of useful fishes, was taken from the files and referred to the committee on the Fisheries.

Sent up for concurrence.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Truell of Lawrence,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Fisheries consider whether any legislation is necessary with reference to the fisheries.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Smith of Boston,—

Probate papers. *Ordered*, That the committee on Probate and Chancery inquire whether any, and what, legislation is necessary for the better care and preservation of papers in the probate office.

On motion of Mr. Cobb of Dedham,—

Dower. *Ordered*, That the committee on Probate and Chancery be instructed to consider whether any legislation is necessary to facilitate the assignment of dower to widows by probate courts.

Forfeited estates.

The Order offered yesterday by Mr. Swett of Haverhill, and laid over, relative to forfeiture of homesteads and sale of estates under a power of sale mortgage, was adopted. Subsequently Mr. Allen of Boston moved to reconsider the vote, which motion was placed first in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Papers from the Senate.

Brookline.

Notice was received from the Senate of the rejection by that branch of the House Bill to confirm chapter 134 of the Acts of the year 1875, and the acceptance thereof by the town of Brookline.

Weymouth.

The petition of the selectmen of Weymouth for leave to take water from Great Pond, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

Jamaica Pond Aqueduct Corporation.

The report, leave to withdraw, of the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, on the petition of the Jamaica Pond Aqueduct Corporation for authority to draw water from Hammond's Pond, was read and accepted in concurrence, under a suspension of the rule.

Bills :

Redistricting.

To apportion representatives to the several counties ; and

Cape Cod Ship Canal.

To extend the time for commencing and completing the Cape Cod Ship Canal ;

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read and ordered to a second reading.

Taken from the Table.

Free passes.

On motion of Mr. Moseley of Boston, the motion of Mr. Noble of Westfield to reconsider the vote whereby the House accepted the report of the committee on Railroads, that it is inexpedient to legislate on the subject of

the granting of free passes over railroads to members of the Legislature. The House refused to reconsider.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Truell of Lawrence, from the committee on Gas Inspector. Mercantile Affairs, no legislation necessary on the annual report of the State Gas Inspector. Read, accepted under a suspension of the rule, and sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Batchelor of New Bedford, from the committee Discharged convicts. on Prisons, on a petition, a Bill to increase the expenditures of the Agent for Discharged Convicts. Read and referred in course to the committee on Finance.

By Mr. Putnam of Salem, from the committee on Print- Tax Commis- sioner. ing, that the Order relative to printing five hundred extra copies of the Tax Commissioner's Report ought to pass. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Orders of the Day.

The report, inexpedient to legislate, of the Committee on Orders of the day. Prisons, on an Order relative to the transfer of vagrants from jails and houses of correction to the state workhouse, was further considered. The amendment moved by Mr. Pierce of Milton, to substitute a Bill relating to the transfer of certain convicts confined in houses of correction to the state workhouse, was adopted after debate, and the bill was placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

Bills :

Authorizing cities and towns to regulate the driving of cattle over public ways ;

To fix the salaries of the Clerks of the Senate and House of Representatives ;

To authorize the transfer of the Newton Free Library to the city of Newton ; and

In relation to the appointment of auditors under chapter 43 of the General Statutes ; and a

Resolve in favor of James B. Collingwood ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

Relating to constables in the city of Boston ;

Relating to the deductions from the terms of sentences of convicts in the state prison ;

To authorize the appointment of additional masters in chancery in the county of Worcester ;

To change the time of election of the directors of the Collateral Loan Company, and for other purposes (amended on motion of Mr. Ropes of Boston) ;

To incorporate the Boston Police Relief Association ; and

Providing for the return of juvenile offenders to the state reform and industrial schools ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Senate Bill to authorize the arrest of intoxicated persons, without a warrant, in certain cases, was further considered, the pending amendment moved by Mr. Hale of Boston was rejected, and the bill was passed to be engrossed in concurrence and sent up for concurrence in the amendment previously adopted by the House.

The Bill fixing the compensation of members of the Legislature was read a third time, and on motion of Mr. Coveney of Cambridge its further consideration was postponed until to-morrow.

At 5.28, adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, February 9, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Rice of Danvers, a member of the House.

Petitions Presented.

Jane Parks. By Mr. Wellington of Cambridge, petition of Jane Parks for continuation of state aid.

Jeremiah H. and Wm. H. Murray. By Mr. Croak of Boston, petition of Ellen Woods, guardian, for back state aid for Jeremiah H. Murray and William H. Murray.

John Grant. By Mr. Danforth of Reading, petition of the town officers of North Reading for state aid for John Grant.

Patrick Buckley. By Mr. Read of Adams, petition of Patrick Buckley for state aid.

Daniel Donehue. By the same gentleman, petition of Daniel Donehue for state aid.

Severally referred to the committee on Claims.

By Mr. Snow of Barnstable, petition of Orville D. Lovell and 113 others, for permission to cut a channel between South Bay and Vineyard Sound, in Barnstable. Referred to the committee on Harbors.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. White of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on Education be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending section 28 of chapter 38 of the General Statutes and amendments thereof, in relation to the manner of making a change in school-books in the public schools.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Van Deusen of Great Barrington,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire what further legislation is necessary in regard to taxation in school districts.

On motion of Mr. Croak of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of reporting a general law for the equalizing of the sentences of criminals.

On motion of Mr. Hawkes of Lynn,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending sections 1 and 2 of chapter 106 of the General Statutes, relative to marriage between certain relations.

Introduced on Leave.

By Mr. Seymour of Springfield, a Bill relating to attachments of real estate.

By Mr. Swan of Lowell, a Bill to declare the meaning of section 3, chapter 107 of the General Statutes, relative to marriage of parties under "age of consent."

By Mr. Van Deusen of Great Barrington, a Bill to authorize the calling of the first regular meeting of the Centre school district of Great Barrington.

Severally read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Papers from the Senate.

The remonstrance of Justin Brown and others against the division of the town of Dudley, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Towns.

A Bill in addition to "an Act to provide for the management of the Hoosac Tunnel and the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, and for other purposes," introduced on leave in the Senate, was read and referred in concurrence to the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the joint committee on Railroads are hereby authorized to send for persons and papers, and to employ clerical assistance, in the matters relating to the investigations (ordered by the Legislature) of the Boston and Albany and the Eastern railroad corporations.

Reports of the committee on Printing, ought to be adopted:—

Agricultural
College.

On an Order relative to printing 10,000 extra copies of the Report of the Agricultural College; and

Harbor Com-
missioners.

On an Order relative to printing 1,000 extra copies of the Report of the Harbor Commissioners;

Severally accepted by the Senate, were read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Reports of Committees.

Commissioner
of savings
banks.

By Mr. Nutter of East Bridgewater, from the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures, on an order, a Bill to establish the salary of the Commissioner of Savings Banks.

Secretary of
Board of Edu-
cation.

By Mr. Partridge of Medway, from the same committee, on an order, a Bill to establish the salary of the Secretary of the Board of Education.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow, under suspension of the 42d rule.

Bellingham.

By Mr. H. B. Hill of Boston, from the committee on Claims, on petition for reimbursement for the support of Montcalm S. Pettice, a Resolve in favor of the selectmen of the town of Bellingham.

John McGrath.

By Mr. Webster of Boston, from the same committee, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of John McGrath.

F. B. Kellogg.

By Mr. Buckminster of New Bedford, from the same committee, to whom was recommitted the petition of F. B. Kellogg for state aid, a Resolve in favor of F. B. Kellogg.

Abbie S.
Cowles.

By Mr. Miner of Phillipston, from the same committee, on petitions, a Resolve in favor of Abbie S. Cowles.

Wm. P. Gil-
more.

By Mr. Saunders of Pepperell, from the same commit-

tee, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of William P. Gilmore.

Severally read and referred in course to the committee on Finance.

By Mr. H. B. Hill of Boston, from the committee on Daniel Downey. Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Daniel Downey for state aid.

By Mr. Seymour of Springfield, from the committee on Widows. Probate and Chancery, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Daniel French and others for the repeal of chapter 164 of the Acts of 1861, concerning the provisions for widows in certain cases.

By Mr. Rice of Danvers, from the committee on Education. Metric system. on a petition, a Resolution in favor of the introduction of the metric system of weights and measures.

By Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, from the committee on Geo. A. Shaw. Elections, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Edward J. Jenkins for the seat as representative from the 5th Suffolk district, now held by George A. Shaw; and a Resolution declaring vacant the seat held by George A. Shaw, as representative from the 5th Suffolk district.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Taken from the Table.

On motion of Mr. Gardner of Palmer, the Bill (on leave) Fire-arms. to prevent the careless handling of fire-arms. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on its rejection as recommended by the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Morse of Canton, the Senate Order Governor's address. relative to printing additional copies of the Governor's address, adopted by the House with an amendment, in which the Senate non-concurred. On motion of the same gentleman, the order was indefinitely postponed.

Orders of the Day.

The motion of Mr. Allen of Boston, to reconsider the Orders of the day. vote by which the House yesterday adopted the order relative to forfeiture of homesteads and sale of estates under a power of sale mortgage, was carried.

Mr. Swett of Haverhill, moved to substitute a Resolve relative to returns of estates sold under a power of sale mortgage, the amount of loans thereon, and the time and

interest of the same. The motion prevailed, and the resolve was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The report of the committee on Printing, that the Order relative to printing 500 extra copies of the Tax Commissioner's report ought to be adopted, was accepted, and the order adopted, with an amendment moved by Mr. Hale of Boston.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To extend the time for commencing and completing the Cape Cod Ship Canal ;

To apportion representatives to the several counties ; and

Relating to the transfer of certain convicts confined in houses of correction to the state workhouse ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To fix the salaries of the Clerks of the Senate and House of Representatives ;

To authorize the transfer of the Newton Free Library to the city of Newton ;

In relation to the appointment of auditors under chapter 43 of the General Statutes ;

Authorizing cities and towns to regulate the driving of cattle over public ways ; and

A Resolve in favor of James B. Collingwood ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill fixing the compensation of members of the Legislature was further considered.

Mr. Phinney of Plymouth moved to amend so as to make the compensation \$750 for each member.

On motion of Mr. Evans of Everett, the yeas and nays were ordered on the question of adopting the amendment, and the roll being called, it was rejected by a vote of 51 yeas to 166 nays, as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. Allen, Stillman B.
Amaden, Edwin.
Appell, Jacob F.
Atkinson, Michael.

Messrs. Ayer, Edwin.
Bailey, Daniel D.
Ballou, Monroe E.
Barker, Giles G.

Messrs. Barry, Patrick.
 Bartlett, Daniel W.
 Bradley, Osgood, Jr.
 Burr, Isaac T.
 Clark, John P.
 Coveney, Jeremiah W.
 Croak, Michael J.
 Crocker, Elisha, Jr.
 Danforth, Charles H.
 Dean, Herbert A.
 Fairbanks, George O.
 Fisk, Luther.
 Foque, Theodore N.
 Fuller, Charles.
 Garity, Thomas R.
 Hathaway, Frederick.
 Huse, Caleb B.
 Kennedy, Patrick.
 Kimball, Moses.
 Knowlton, Hosea M.
 Longley, Samuel.
 Loud, Charles A.

Messrs. Mackintosh, James.
 McCafferty, Matthew J.
 Merritt, Christopher C.
 Morrill, George W.
 Moseley, Frederick P.
 Murphy, Jeremiah.
 Noonan, Daniel.
 Osborn, Weaver.
 Osgood, Charles S.
 Parker, George G.
 Phinney, Stephen C.
 Pope, Charles G.
 Read, Washington.
 Reed, George W.
 Russell, Solomon N.
 Shattuck, Elijah C.
 Slade, Albion K.
 Small, Isaiah A.
 Talbot, Samuel, Jr.
 Wallace, William S.
 White, James.

NAYS.

Messrs. Abbe, James.
 Alley, William A.
 Babson, John J.
 Bartlett, James E. T.
 Batchelor, Benjamin S.
 Bates, Eliakim A.
 Bird, Warren A.
 Bird, Warren P.
 Bowen, Francis C.
 Breed, Amos F.
 Bryant, Orrin.
 Brownell, Lysander N.
 Buckminster, Joseph.
 Bugbee, Francis.
 Capron, Charles C.
 Carney, Michael.
 Churchill, Gardner A.
 Clapp, Frederick W.
 Clapp, Lafayette.
 Cobb, John D.
 Coburn, Edward.
 Coggshall, Henry F.
 Converse, Charles S.
 Cook, Horace.
 Cordis, Thomas F.
 Daniels, George F.

Messrs. Dean, Dallas J.
 Dennis, Henry, Jr.
 Doane, Freeman.
 Downer, Francis E.
 Estabrook, Adin C.
 Evans, Alonzo H.
 Fish, William W.
 Fiske, Wesley L.
 Freeto, John.
 Gardner, Charles L.
 Gibbons, John M.
 Gifford, Benjamin.
 Gilmore, Onslow.
 Gleason, Samuel S.
 Goodsell, Curtis B.
 Granger, George W.
 Hale, Charles.
 Hall, Andrew.
 Hannum, Leander M.
 Hapgood, Lyman S.
 Hartt, Joseph T.
 Hartwell, James D.
 Haskell, George.
 Hathaway, Isaac N.
 Hawkes, Nathan M.
 Heywood, Samuel R.

Messrs. Hicks, Samuel D.

Hill, Henry B.

Hill, John B.

Hill, Joseph W.

Hitchings, Otis M.

Hoffman, Ira W.

Holley, Richard.

Holmes, Henry T.

Howland, Weston.

Hunt, Jonas S.

Ingalls, Ephraim A.

Jenks, Thomas L.

Jones, Jesse H.

Keith, Ambrose.

Keith, Monroe.

Kellogg, Ensign H.

Kendall, Edward.

Kimball, Ensign.

King, William S.

Kingsbury, Joseph A.

Kirtland, Edwin L.

Knapp, Joel.

Knowles, John.

Knowlton, Henry C.

Lawrence, Daniel W.

Lindsey, Nathaniel E.

Mann, Seth, 2d.

March, Andrus.

Mayo, Edward F.

Miner, Henry S.

Mitchell, Joseph, 2d.

Mooney, Thomas.

Morrissey, John.

Morse, Elijah A.

Murphy, John J.

Nelson, Sherman.

Nichols, John B.

Noble, Reuben.

Norton, John B.

Nourse, B. Alden.

Nutter, Isaac N.

Owen, Harvey M.

Parker, Frederick.

Partridge, David A.

Paul, Joseph F.

Perry, George R.

Pew, Charles H., 2d.

Pierce, Edward L.

Prouty, David.

Putnam, Henry W.

Messrs. Read, Charles H.

Read, Henry C.

Reed, George R.

Reynolds, Rice M.

Rice, Charles B.

Richards, Charles W.

Richmond, Jonathan C.

Robinson, Wallace F.

Rogers, Charles A.

Root, Joseph H.

Ropes, Joseph S.

Rust, Nathaniel J.

Sandford, Addison.

Saunders, Amos J.

Sawin, Samuel D.

Sawyer, Ebenezer.

Sawyer, Enoch.

Searle, John F.

Seymour, Stephen E.

Shattuck, Calvin W.

Sherman, Elon.

Sleeper, Solomon S.

Smith, Andrew.

Smith, Newton.

Smith, Webster.

Snow, Samuel.

Southwick, John R.

Spaulding, Mark H.

Stacey, Benjamin F.

Stevens, James T.

Sullivan, Michael.

Supple, James F.

Swan, Charles A. F.

Swett, Jackson B.

Taylor, Charles A.

Taylor, Oliver.

Thayer, Davis, Jr.

Truell, Byron.

Tuttle, Henry G.

Van Deusen, William I.

Wade, Levi C.

Wadsworth, Alexander.

Walden, Edwin.

Ward, Alanson W.

Warren, Alonzo.

Washburn, John D.

Waterman, Eleazer E.

Watts, William.

Webster, David L.

Wellington, Austin C.

Messrs. Wetherbee, John.
Wetherell, John W.
Whicher, John D.
White, Benjamin.
White, Joseph W.
Whitney, Edward.
Williams, Moses, Jr.

Messrs. Wilson, George C.
Wilson, John G.
Winship, Thomas.
Winslow, Isaac.
Wood, Eliphaz H.
Woods, William.
Woodward, James C.

Yeas, 51; nays, 166.

Mr. Slade of Fall River moved to amend so as to make the compensation of each member \$700, and the yeas and nays being ordered, on motion of Mr. Miner of Phillips-ton, the amendment was rejected by a vote of 86 yeas to 125 nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. Allen, Stillman B.
Alley, William A.
Amsden, Edwin.
Appell, Jacob F.
Atkinson, Michael.
Ayer, Edwin.
Bailey, Daniel D.
Ballou, Monroe E.
Barker, Giles G.
Barry, Patrick.
Bartlett, Daniel W.
Batchelor, Benjamin S.
Bates, Eliakim A.
Bird, Warren A.
Bradley, Osgood, Jr.
Burr, Isaac T.
Capron, Charles C.
Carney, Michael.
Clapp, Lafayette.
Clark, John P.
Coburn, Edward.
Coveney, Jeremiah W.
Croak, Michael J.
Crocker, Elisha, Jr.
Danforth, Charles H.
Dean, Herbert A.
Doane, Freeman.
Fairbanks, George O.
Fisk, Luther.
Fuller, Charles.
Goodsell, Curtis B.
Hannum, Leander M.

Messrs. Hartwell, James D.
Hathaway, Frederick.
Hathaway, Isaac N.
Hill, Joseph W.
Hoffman, Ira W.
Holley, Richard.
Huse, Caleb B.
Kennedy, Patrick.
King, William S.
Knapp, Joel.
Knowlton, Hosea M.
Loud, Charles A.
Mackintosh, James.
McCafferty, Matthew J.
Merritt, Christopher C.
Mooney, Thomas.
Morrill, George W.
Moseley, Frederick P.
Murphy, Jeremiah.
Murphy, John J.
Noonan, Daniel.
Osborn, Weaver.
Osgood, Charles S.
Parker, Frederick.
Parker, George G.
Perry, George R.
Phinney, Stephen C.
Pope, Charles G.
Putnam, Henry W.
Read, Washington.
Reed, George W.
Robinson, Wallace F.

Messrs. Russell, Solomon N.
 Rust, Nathaniel J.
 Sandford, Addison.
 Sawin, Samuel D.
 Sawyer, Ebenezer.
 Searle, John F.
 Shattuck, Elijah C.
 Shaw, George A.
 Sherman, Elon.
 Slade, Albion K.
 Sleeper, Solomon S.

Messrs. Small, Isaiah A.
 Smith, Andrew.
 Southwick, John R.
 Sullivan, Michael.
 Supple, James F.
 Talbot, Samuel, Jr.
 Van Deusen, William I.
 Wallace, William S.
 Waterman, Eleazer E.
 White, Benjamin.
 White, James.

NAYS.

Messrs. Abbe, James.
 Babson, John J.
 Bartlett, James E. T.
 Bird, Warren P.
 Bowen, Francis C.
 Breed, Amos F.
 Bryant, Orrin.
 Brownell, Lysander N.
 Buckminster, Joseph.
 Bugbee, Francis.
 Churchill, Gardner A.
 Clapp, Frederick W.
 Cobb, John D.
 Converse, Charles S.
 Cook, John H.
 Cordis, Thomas F.
 Daniels, George F.
 Dean, Dallas J.
 Dennis, Henry, Jr.
 Downer, Francis E.
 Estabrook, Adin C.
 Evans, Alonzo H.
 Fish, William W.
 Fiske, Wesley L.
 Freeto, John.
 Gardner, Charles L.
 Garity, Thomas R.
 Gibbons, John M.
 Gifford, Benjamin.
 Gilmore, Onslow.
 Gleason, Samuel S.
 Granger, George W.
 Hale, Charles.
 Hall, Andrew.
 Hapgood, Lyman S.
 Hartt, Joseph T.
 Hawkes, Nathan M.

Messrs. Heywood, Samuel R.
 Hicks, Samuel D.
 Hill, Henry B.
 Hill, John B.
 Hitchings, Otis M.
 Holmes, Henry T.
 Howland, Weston.
 Hunt, Jonas S.
 Jenks, Thomas L.
 Jones, Jesse H.
 Keith, Ambrose.
 Keith, Monroe.
 Keith, Ziba C.
 Kellogg, Ensign H.
 Kendall, Edward.
 Kimball, Ensign.
 Kimball, Moses.
 Kingsbury, Joseph A.
 Kirtland, Edwin L.
 Knowles, John.
 Knowlton, Henry C.
 Lawrence, Daniel W.
 Lee, Henry.
 Lindsey, Nathaniel E.
 Mann, Seth, 2d.
 March, Andrus.
 Mayo, Edward F.
 Miner, Henry S.
 Morissey, John.
 Morse, Elijah A.
 Nelson, Sherman.
 Nichols, John B.
 Noble, Reuben.
 Norton, John B.
 Nourse, B. Alden.
 Nutter, Isaac N.
 Owen, Harvey M.

Messrs. Partridge, David A.	Messrs. Swett, Jackson B.
Paul, Joseph F.	Taylor, Charles A.
Pew, Charles H.	Thayer, Davis, Jr.
Pierce, Edward L.	Truell, Byron.
Pillsbury, Albert E.	Tuttle, Henry G.
Prouty, David.	Wade, Levi C.
Read, Charles H., 2d.	Wadsworth, Alexander.
Reed, George R.	Walden, Edwin.
Reynolds, Rice M.	Ward, Alanson W.
Rice, Charles B.	Warren, Alonzo.
Richards, Charles W.	Washburn, John D.
Richmond, Jonathan C.	Webster, David L.
Rogers, Charles A.	Wellington, Austin C.
Root, Joseph H.	Wetherbee, John.
Ropes, Joseph S.	Wetherell, John W.
Saunders, Amos J.	Whicher, John D.
Sawyer, Enoch.	Whitney, Edward.
Seymour, Stephen E.	Williams, Moses, Jr.
Shattuck, Calvin W.	Wilson, George C.
Smith, Newton.	Wilson, John G.
Smith, Webster.	Winship, Thomas.
Snow, Samuel.	Winslow, Isaac.
Spaulding, Mark H.	Wood, Eliphaz H.
Stacey, Benjamin F.	Woods, William.
Stevens, James T.	Woodward, James C.
Swan, Charles A. F.	

Yeas, 86 ; nays, 125.

The bill was then passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

At 4 o'clock, adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 10, 1876.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Met according to adjournment.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Nutter of East Bridgewater, petition of Mrs. L. A. Raymond and 75 others; and petition of George W. Bliss and 434 others,—severally for repeal of the license law.

Severally referred to the committee on the Liquor Law.

Gilbert Keen. By the same gentleman, petition of Andrew Clark, guardian of Gilbert Keen, for state aid.

T. J. Burns. By Mr. Barry of Boston, petition of Timothy J. Burns for state aid.

J. P. Daley. By Mr. Putnam of Salem, petition of James P. Daley for state aid.

Severally referred to the committee on Claims.

Ferries. By Mr. Smith of South Hadley, remonstrance of M. W. Burnett and 79 others; and of J. H. Preston and 174 others,—severally against amendment of chapter 265 of the Acts of 1874, relating to apportionment of expense of maintaining ferries. .

Severally referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Scituate. By Mr. Merritt of Scituate, petition of George W. Merritt for the allowance to the town of Scituate for the year 1874, of its share of the income of the school fund. Referred to the committee on Education.

Springfield & New London Railroad. By Mr. Seymour of Springfield, petition of Tilly Haynes and others for an act to authorize the Springfield and New London Railroad Company to lease its road. Referred to the committee on Railroads.

Boston bridges. By Mr. Jenks of Boston, petition of the mayor of Boston for authority to widen and rebuild Chelsea and Dover Street bridges, and for regulation of the passage of vessels through draws of bridges in Boston and vicinity. Referred to the committee on Harbors.

Woman suffrage. By Mr. Wade of Newton, petition of Levi F. Warren and 12 others, for woman suffrage. Referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Election days. By Mr. Moseley of Boston, petition of H. B. Blackwell and others, that election days be made legal holidays.

Boston urinals. By Mr. Jenks of Boston, petition of the mayor of Boston for authority to erect and maintain public urinals in said city.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Orders.

Militia officers. On motion of Mr. Washburn of Worcester,—
Ordered, That the committee on Constitutional Amendments inquire into the expediency of a change in the manner of electing or appointing officers of the militia.

On motion of Mr. Daniels of Oxford,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Library be in- State library.
structed to inquire into the expediency of making an
appropriation of money to complete the new catalogue of
the state library.

On motion of Mr. Knowlton of New Bedford,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Liquor Law be Liquor law.
instructed to consider what legislation, if any, is neces-
sary in amendment of the laws in relation to the sale of
intoxicating liquors.

On motion of Mr. Warren of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on Water Supply and Town water supply.
Drainage consider the expediency of so altering the laws
that any city or town, in applying for a supply of water,
shall present plans showing the system of drainage to be
adopted, which shall accompany such application for
water.

On motion of Mr. Ropes of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on Water Supply and Drainage
consider the expediency of reporting a general
law to regulate the introduction of pure water into cities
and towns.

On motion of Mr. Putnam of Salem,—

Ordered, That the clerks of the supreme judicial and Fees of clerks.
superior courts of each county, and the register of
deeds of each county, be required, on or before the thir-
tieth day of March next, to make a return and statement
in writing to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, stating
the total amounts of their fees and receipts, official or
otherwise, from all sources connected with their several
offices; and also the amounts actually paid by them
respectively for assistants in their several offices, for the
years ending December 31, 1874, and December 31,
1875.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Smith of Boston,—

Ordered, That the Judiciary committee consider the Taxation of costs.
expediency of legislating upon the taxation of costs, in
the discretion of the court, against the losing party in
motions for new trials.

On motion of Mr. Putnam of Salem,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider Illegal voting.

the expediency of increasing the penalty in lines 6 and 7, section 1 of chapter 356 of the Acts of 1874, for punishment for illegal voting, etc.

On motion of Mr. Hawkes of Lynn,—

School districts.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of legislation relative to the organization of the first regular meetings of school districts.

On motion of Mr. Parker of Milford,—

Divorce.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending the law of divorce, making gross and confirmed habits of intoxication a cause for divorce from bed and board, and not from the bond of matrimony.

On motion of Mr. Williams of Brookline,—

Suffolk County register of probate.

Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery inquire into the expediency of authorizing the register of probate in Suffolk County, with the approval of the judge of probate, to appoint a clerk.

The following order, offered by Mr. Webster of Boston, was laid over at the request of Mr. Hale of Boston :—

State aid.

Ordered, That the Attorney-General, Adjutant-General and Auditor of the Commonwealth be requested to make a complete codification or digest, with explanatory notes, of the statutes now in force granting aid to soldiers and sailors, and their families, who served in the war of the rebellion ; and to report in print, for the use of the committee on Claims.

Introduced on Leave.

Discharged female prisoners.

By Mr. Churchill of Boston, a Resolve for the purpose of assisting discharged female prisoners. Read and referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, and sent up for concurrence.

Lawrence.

By Mr. Truell of Lawrence, a Bill in addition to an Act to supply the city of Lawrence with water. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Papers from the Senate.

Correspondence of insane persons.

A Bill to repeal chapter 363 of the Acts of the year 1874, relating to the correspondence of insane persons, introduced on leave in the Senate, was read and referred

in concurrence to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

The report of the committee on Printing, that the Order relative to printing 10,000 extra copies of the Report of the State Board of Health ought to be adopted, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Board of Health.

Bills passed to be engrossed by the Senate :

To amend an Act to establish the city of Chelsea ; and

Chelsea.

To amend section 25 of chapter 120 of the General Statutes, relating to appeals before justices of the peace, district and police courts ;

Appeals.

Were severally read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The Bill making appropriations for the maintenance of the Government for the present year, came down passed to be engrossed in concurrence by the Senate, with an amendment, in which the House concurred.

Appropriation bill. No. 1.

Bills Enacted.

Bills :

Bills enacted.

To authorize the Boston and Maine Railroad to purchase the West Amesbury Branch Railroad ;

(Which originated in the House ;) and

Relating to criminal jurisdiction over the islands and waters of Boston Harbor ;

(Which originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Babson of Gloucester, from the committee on Banks and Banking, recommending that the petition of William B. Greene and others, for the repeal of sections 18, 19 and 20 of chapter 162 of the General Statutes, forbidding the issue of bank notes by private persons, be referred to the committee on the Judiciary. The report was considered under suspension of the rule, and, after debate, on motion of Mr. Kellogg of Pittsfield, the report was recommitted to the committee, with instructions to consider the subject.

Bank notes.

By Mr. Kellogg of Pittsfield, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, inexpedient to legislate, on

Worcester Lunatic Hospital.

an Order relative to the appointment of commissioners for the completion of the Worcester Lunatic Hospital.

Read, accepted under suspension of the rule, and sent up for concurrence.

Eye and Ear
Infirmary.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary.

Idiotic and
feeble-minded
youth.

By Mr. Reed of South Abington, from the same committee, on an estimate of expenses, a Resolve in favor of the Massachusetts School for Idiotic and Feeble-Minded Youth.

Westborough
Reform School.

By Mr. Carney of Boston, from the same committee, on an estimate, a Resolve in favor of the Reform School at Westborough.

Severally read and referred in course to the committee on Finance.

Mary E. Bates.

By Mr. Whitney of Belmont, from the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Mary E. Bates for state aid.

James McCor-
mick.

By Mr. Hawks of Shelburne, from the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of James McCormick for state aid.

Adams.

By Mr. Root of Montague, from the committee on Towns, leave to withdraw, on the petition of A. W. Preston and others for incorporation of the town of Adams as a city.

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By Mr. Snow of Barnstable, from the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of B. F. Phillips, Daniel Jenks and others, for a division of the town of Adams, petitions in aid of the same, and petitions for postponement of legislation on the subject.

Woodlawn
Cemetery.

By Mr. Washburn of Worcester, from the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition of James Adams and others, trustees, for permission to use, for burial purposes, a tract of land adjoining Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett, and petitions in aid of, and a remonstrance against, the same.

Ware.

By Mr. Allen of Boston, from the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of E. C. Richardson and others of Ware that said town may be authorized to fund its debt.

Lawrence.

By Mr. Washburn of Worcester, from the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the city of Lawrence, for amendment of its charter.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to amending chapter 33 of the Acts of 1874, concerning the withdrawal of appeals in criminal cases. Appeal in criminal cases.

By Mr. Gardner of Palmer, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to amending sections 10 and 15 of chapter 124 of the General Statutes, in regard to taking the poor debtor's oath, also of additional legislation relative to the property of the debtor. Poor debtors.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

By Mr. Ingalls of Lynn, from the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures, on an order, a Bill to establish the salary of the Chief of the Bureau of the Statistics of Labor, and the deputy of said bureau. Chief of Bureau of Labor.

By Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the committee on Finance, on an order, a Bill in further addition to an Act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government during the present year. Appropriation bill. No. 4.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, on an order, a Bill making appropriations for the mileage and compensation of the members of the legislature, and for the compensation of the preacher of the election sermon, the chaplains, assistant clerks, doorkeepers, messengers and pages of the Senate and House of Representatives, and for other purposes. Id. No. 5.

By Mr. Washburn of Worcester, from the committee on the Judiciary, on an order, a Bill relating to mortgages by executors and others, in certain cases. Mortgages by executors.

By Mr. Hale of Boston, from the same committee, that the Bill (on leave) relating to the attendance of officers upon district courts, ought to pass in a new draft. Attendance of officers at courts.

By Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, from the same committee, that the Bill (on leave) to authorize the city of Newton to issue additional water scrip, ought to pass in a new draft. Newton.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

By Mr. Pierce of Milton, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Senate Bill to authorize the town of Duxbury to establish a sinking fund to meet the loan made to pay for its stock in the Duxbury and Cohasset Railroad Company, ought to pass with an amendment. Duxbury.

Under suspension of the rules, moved by the same gentleman, the bill was considered, read a second time, the

amendment recommended by the committee was adopted, the bill was read a third time, passed to be engrossed in concurrence, and sent at once to the Senate for concurrence in the amendment.

Orders of the Day.

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The Resolution in favor of the introduction of the metric system of weights and measures was laid upon the table, on motion of Mr. Clapp of Framingham.

The consideration of the report, leave to withdraw, of the committee on Elections, on petition of Edward J. Jenkins for the seat as representative for the 5th Suffolk district, was, on motion of Mr. Merritt of Springfield, postponed until Thursday, February 17th.

Reports :

Leave to withdraw, of the committee on Claims, on the petition of Daniel Downey for state aid ; and

Leave to withdraw, of the committee on Probate and Chancery, on the petition of Daniel French and others for repeal of chapter 164 of the Acts of the year 1861, concerning the provisions for widows in certain cases ;

Were severally accepted and the first named sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Printing, that the Order relative to printing 10,000 extra copies of the report of the Agricultural College ought to be adopted, was accepted, and the order adopted in concurrence, with an amendment, moved by Mr. Noonan of Boston, reducing the number to 5,000. Sent up for concurrence in the amendment.

Subsequently, Mr. Kimball of Boston moved to reconsider the vote whereby the order was adopted as amended, which motion was placed first in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

The report of the committee on Printing, that the Order relative to printing 1,000 extra copies of the report of the Harbor Commissioners ought to be adopted, was accepted, and the order adopted in concurrence.

The Bill (on leave) to prevent the careless handling of fire-arms was rejected, as recommended by the committee on the Judiciary.

The Bill to establish the salary of the Commissioner of Savings Banks was refused a third reading. Subsequently, Mr. Croak of Boston moved a reconsideration of the vote

whereby the House refused to order the bill to a third reading, which motion was carried, and, on motion of the same gentleman, the bill was laid on the table.

The Bill to establish the salary of the Secretary of the Board of Education was read and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill relating to the transfer of certain convicts confined in houses of correction to the state workhouse was read a third time, amended on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To extend the time for commencing and completing the Cape Cod Ship Canal ; and

To apportion representatives to the several counties ;

Were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

At 5.09, adjourned.

FRIDAY, February 11, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Estimates for taxes for the several counties, with the County taxes. accounts of the several county treasurers for 1875, were received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and referred to the committee on County Estimates.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Knowlton of New Bedford, petition of Rodney French and others ; and by Mr. Osgood of Salem, petition of Nathan R. Morse and 136 others,—severally for more stringent legislation with reference to the committal of persons to lunatic hospitals. Lunatic hospitals.

Severally referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

By Mr. Churchill of Boston, petition of Eben H. Scribner, guardian of Etta B. and Marian G. Starbird for state aid. Referred to the committee on Claims. E. B. and M. G. Starbird.

By Mr. Lee of Boston, petition of J. P. Bradlee and others for incorporation as an association for the relief of New England Guard.

aged and indigent members of the New England Guard. Referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Woman suffrage.

By Mr. Morissey of Plymouth, petition of William H. Whitman and 211 others for woman suffrage. Referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Orders.

State aid.

The order relating to a digest of the statutes now in force, granting aid to soldiers and sailors who served in the war of the rebellion, laid over yesterday, was adopted.

Crossings at grade.

On motion of Mr. Talbot of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on Railroads inquire into the expediency of providing that no crossing of a highway or town way and a railroad at grade shall be hereafter constructed without the consent of the Board of Railroad Commissioners.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Village corporations.

On motion of Mr. Loud of Winchendon,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of authorizing the inhabitants of any village containing fifty or more houses to become a body politic or corporate for certain purposes.

New business.

The following Order, offered by Mr. J. W. Hill of Boston, was laid over at the request of that gentleman:—

Ordered, That on and after the first day of March next all new business introduced into the House shall be referred to the next General Court, unless four-fifths of the House otherwise order.

Railroad Commissioners.

The following Order, offered by Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, was laid over at the request of Mr. Hale of Boston:—

Ordered, That the committee on Railroads inquire and report whether any member of the Board of Railroad Commissioners has, during his term of office, entered into or performed any business contracts with or for any railroad corporation chartered by this Commonwealth, or incorporated under the laws thereof; or has in any manner been in the employ of any such corporation; whether such employment, or the making or performance of such contracts by either of said commissioners, is not inconsistent with the public interests, and whether any legislation is necessary or expedient in relation thereto; and that in the investiga-

tion of the subject-matter of this order said committee, if they deem it necessary, have power to send for persons and papers.

Reconsideration.

On motion of Mr. Truell of Lawrence, the vote by which the House yesterday accepted the report of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Daniel Downey for state aid, was reconsidered, and the report was recommitted to the committee.

Introduced on Leave.

By Mr. Truell of Lawrence, a Resolve relative to claims for reimbursement for certain military expenditures. Read and referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Claims for military expenditures.

By Mr. Richmond of Harvard, a Bill concerning the obstructions to the passage of fish in the tributaries of the Connecticut and Merrimack rivers. Read and referred to the committee on the Fisheries.

Connecticut and Merrimack River tributaries.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

The petitions of Henry H. Faxon and 524 others; and S. C. Batcheller and 200 others,—severally for the repeal of the license law, were referred in concurrence to the committee on the Liquor Law.

License law.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Banks and Banking be instructed to inquire as to the necessity or expediency of additional legislation to forbid savings banks to borrow money.

Savings banks.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Mercantile Affairs consider and report whether or not any change is expedient in the laws relating to the paying in of the capital stock of corporations.

Paying in of stock.

Bills Enacted.

Engrossed bills:

Bills enacted.

Making appropriations for the maintenance of the government for the present year; and

In addition to an Act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government during the present year;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

Eastern Rail-
road.

By Mr. Williams of Brookline, from the committee on Railroads, that the Bill (on leave) for the relief of the Eastern Railroad Company and the securing of its debts and liabilities ought to pass in a new draft. Read and placed in the orders of the day for a second reading on Monday.

Inclosed land.

By Mr. Nourse of Westborough, from the committee on Agriculture, on a petition, a Bill for the further protection of inclosed land. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Discharged from the Orders.

Attendance of
officers at court.

On motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, the Bill relating to the attendance of officers upon district courts was discharged from the orders of the day and recommitted to the committee on the Judiciary.

Executors, etc.

On motion of Mr. Washburn of Worcester, the Bill relating to mortgages by executors and others in certain cases was discharged from the orders of the day, and recommitted to the committee on the Judiciary.

Orders of the Day.

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day.

The motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston to reconsider the vote by which the House adopted the Order relative to printing extra copies of the report of the Agricultural College was carried, and the order having been amended on motion of Mr. Kellogg of Pittsfield, was rejected.

Reports :

Leave to withdraw, of the committee on Towns, on petition of A. W. Preston and 125 others for the incorporation of the town of Adams as a city ;

Leave to withdraw, of the same committee, on petitions of B. F. Phillips, Daniel Jenks and others, and petitions in aid of the same, relative to a division of the town of Adams ;

Leave to withdraw, of committee on Claims, on petition of James McCormick for state aid ; and

Leave to withdraw, of the same committee, on petition of Mary E. Bates for state aid ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Reports of the committee on the Judiciary :

Leave to withdraw, on petition of E. C. Richardson and others of Ware that said town may be authorized to fund its debt ;

Inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to amending sections 10 and 15 of chapter 124 of the General Statutes, in regard to the poor debtor's oath, and legislation relative to the personal property of the debtor ;

Inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to amending chapter 33 of the Acts of 1874, concerning the withdrawal of appeals in criminal cases ;

Leave to withdraw, on petition of the city of Lawrence for amendment of its charter ; and

Leave to withdraw, on petition of James Adams and others, trustees, that they may be allowed to use for burial purposes a tract of land adjoining Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett, and a petition in aid of and a remonstrance against the same ;

Were severally accepted.

The report of the committee on Printing, that the Order relative to printing 10,000 extra copies of the report of the State Board of Health ought to be adopted, was accepted, and the order adopted, in concurrence.

The Bill in further addition to an Act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government during the present year was read a second time and considered. An amendment moved by Mr. Kimball of Boston was adopted, and, pending an amendment moved by Mr. Moseley of Boston, the bill was laid upon the table on motion of Mr. Croak of Boston.

Bills :

To establish the salary of the chief of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor, and the deputy of said Bureau ; (amended on motion of Mr. Truell of Lawrence ;)

Making appropriations for the mileage and compensation of the members of the Legislature, and for the compensation of the preacher of the election sermon, the chaplains, assistant clerks, doorkeepers, messengers and pages of the Senate and House of Representatives, and for other purposes ; and

To authorize the city of Newton to issue additional water scrip ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to establish the salary of the Secretary of the Board of Education was read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

At 4.03, adjourned.

MONDAY, February 14, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Census of legal voters.

The census of legal voters for the years 1865 and 1875, arranged in parallel columns by councillor, senatorial and representative districts, was received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, with certain changes and corrections. Referred to the committee on Redistricting the State, and sent up for concurrence.

Petitions Presented.

Mass. Family Bank.

By Mr. Hale of Boston, petition of Isaac Bradford and 87 others; of George W. Wilson and 20 others; and of Charles W. Slack and 168 others,—severally in aid of the petition of Elizur Wright and others for incorporation as the Massachusetts Family Bank. Severally referred to the committee on Insurance.

Lee's and Cole's rivers.

By Mr. Fairbanks of Fall River, petition of E. M. Thurston and 62 others for authority to lay out and construct a highway and drawbridge over Lee's and Cole's rivers. Referred to the committee on Harbors.

Boston Hotel Company.

By Mr. Moseley of Boston, petition of Marshall P. Wilder and 16 others for incorporation as the Boston Hotel Company, with authority to build a branch railway track. Referred to the committee on Railroads.

Milford.

By Mr. Parker of Milford, remonstrance of George Draper and others against the passage of an Act to supply the town of Milford with water. Referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Woodlawn Cemetery.

By Mr. Ropes of Boston, petition of the trustees of Woodlawn Cemetery for authority to sell real estate. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Gargan of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Fisheries consider Fishery laws. the expediency of having prepared by the Commissioners on Inland Fisheries, or other competent persons, a codification of the fishery laws of this Commonwealth, to be reported to the next Legislature, with such modifications and suggestions as they shall deem expedient to incorporate into a general law.

On motion of Mr. Read of Attleborough,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Liquor Law inquire Liquor law. into the expediency of enacting a law making the seller of intoxicating liquors responsible for the damage directly caused by the same.

The Order offered by Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, laid over on Friday, relative to an investigation of the conduct of members of the Board of Railroad Commissioners with reference to contracts made with railroads, was amended, on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, and adopted. Railroad Commissioners.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Parker of Milford,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider District courts. the expediency of conferring upon the several district courts established in this Commonwealth, civil jurisdiction in cases where either party resides or has a usual place of business in the district where the writ or process is returnable; provided no trustee shall be summoned to answer except in the county where he resides or has a usual place of business.

The Order offered by Mr. J. W. Hill of Boston, laid over from Friday, relative to limiting the introduction of new business, was rejected. New business. Subsequently, Mr. Pierce of Milton moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the order was rejected, which motion was placed first in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Introduced on Leave.

By Mr. Bird of Natick, a Bill authorizing the town of Natick. Natick to raise money to pay the expenses of the funeral of the late vice-president, Henry Wilson.

Read and ordered to a second reading under suspension of the rule requiring its reference to a committee.

Stockholders
and creditors of
railroads.

By Mr. Pierce of Milton, a Bill for the protection of the stockholders and creditors of railroad corporations.

Read, referred to the committee on Railroads, and sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Papers were referred in concurrence as follows :—

F. B. Hayes.

Statement of Francis B. Hayes correcting a certain part of the report made by him as a state director of the Boston and Albany Railroad to the Legislature on the 12th of January last.

State directors.

Report of the state directors of the Boston and Albany Railroad.

Old Colony
Railroad and
Boston & Prov-
idence Railroad.

Petition of S. B. Stebbins and others in aid of petition of the Old Colony Railroad and Boston and Providence Railroad for authority to hold stock in the Union Freight Railway Company; and

Fitchburg Rail-
road.

Petition of the Fitchburg Railroad Company that chapter 246 of the Acts of 1870 may be revived and extended.

Severally to the committee on Railroads.

Hoosac Tunnel.

Report of the manager of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad and Hoosac Tunnel, to the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel.

Municipal in-
debtedness.

A Bill in addition to an Act to regulate and limit municipal indebtedness, passed to be engrossed by the Senate (being a new draft of the House Bill in relation to debts incurred to supply cities and towns with pure water) was read, and under a suspension of the rule was placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

Reports of Committees.

Age of consent.

By Mr. Allen of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Bill (on leave) to declare the meaning of section 3 of chapter 107 of the General Statutes, relative to marriage of parties under age of consent, ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on its rejection.

Marriage be-
tween certain
relatives.

By Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to amending sections 1 and 2 of chapter 106 of the General Statutes, relative to marriage between certain relations.

By Mr. J. W. Hill of Boston, from the committee on *New prison.*
Prisons, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to the expediency of repealing or modifying certain acts concerning the construction of a new state prison, and of providing for improvements to the prison at Charlestown.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

By Mr. Ingalls of Lynn, from the committee on State *Chaplains.*
Salaries and Expenditures, on an order, a Bill to fix the compensation of the Chaplains of the Senate and House of Representatives.

Read and placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow, under suspension of the 42d rule.

Orders of the Day.

The Bill for the relief of the Eastern Railroad Company, *Orders of the day.*
and the securing of its debts and liabilities, was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. Allen of Boston, its further consideration was postponed until Wednesday, February 16, the question being on ordering to a third reading.

The Bill for the further protection of inclosed land was read a second time, amended on motion of Mr. Washburn of Worcester, and rejected.

Bills :

To establish the salary of the chief of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor, and the deputy of said Bureau ;

Making appropriations for the mileage and compensation of the members of the Legislature, and for the compensation of the preacher of the election sermon, the chaplains, assistant clerks, doorkeepers, messengers and pages of the Senate and House of Representatives, and for other purposes ; and

To authorize the city of Newton to issue additional water scrip :

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

At 4.21, adjourned.

TUESDAY, February 15, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Petitions Presented.*Lee's and Cole's
rivers.

By Mr. Fairbanks of Fall River, petition of E. B. Gardner and others, in aid of the petition of E. M. Thurston and others, concerning a highway and draw-bridges over Lee's and Cole's rivers. Referred to the committee on Harbors.

Newburyport
Bridge.

By Mr. Atkinson of Newburyport, petition of the city of Newburyport for legislation to indemnify said city for expenses incurred in rebuilding Newburyport Bridge. Referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

License law.

By Mr. Knowlton of New Bedford, petition of Rodney French and others for repeal of the license law. Referred to the committee on the Liquor Law.

Woman suf-
frage.

By Mr. Jones of Abington, petition of Mrs. Susan B. Frost and 83 others for woman suffrage. Referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Debt.

By Mr. Merritt of Scituate, petition of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Central Political Club for a change in the laws relating to imprisonment for debt.

Taxes.

By Mr. Pierce of Milton, petition of the mayor of Boston for the passage of an act regulating the assessment of taxes.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Order.

School laws.

On motion of Mr. Estabrook of Lunenburg,—

Ordered, That the committee on Education be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the school laws as to authorize the school committee of a town having less than five hundred families to establish, for a portion of the year, a school wherein may be taught higher branches of study than are now authorized by law in common district schools.

Sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Id.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Education consider the expediency of providing by statute that

no school committee of any city or town in this Commonwealth shall be authorized to expend more money for salaries of the school teachers than is appropriated for such purpose by such city or town.

The following papers were referred in concurrence :—

Petition of the mayor of Newton for authority to take Newton.
land in Needham. To the committee on Water Supply
and Drainage.

Petition of George Griggs and others that the town of Brookline.
Brookline may be annexed to the city of Boston. To the
committee on Towns.

A Bill to enable towns having more than 5,000 inhabi- Town wards.
tants to vote in wards, introduced on leave in the Senate,
was read and referred in concurrence to the committee on
Towns.

Bill Enacted.

An engrossed Bill to extend the time for commencing Bill enacted.
and completing the Cape Cod Ship Canal ;

(Which originated in the Senate ;)

Was passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the
Senate.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Sherman of Weymouth, from the committee on State library.
the Library, on the annual report of the state librarian, a
Resolve providing for the preparation of a new catalogue
of the state library.

Read and referred in course to the committee on
Finance.

By Mr. Hale of Boston, from the committee on the Chelsea.
Judiciary, that the Senate Bill to amend an Act to establish
the city of Chelsea ought to pass.

Placed in the orders of the day for a second reading
to-morrow.

By Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, from the same committee, School district
of Great Bar-
rington.
asking to be discharged from further consideration of the
Bill (on leave) to authorize the calling of the first regular
meeting of the centre school district of Great Barrington ;
and of the

Order relative to the organization of the first regular School districts.
meetings of school districts ;

And asking that the same be severally referred to the
committee on Education.

Severally read and accepted under suspension of the rule, and sent up for concurrence in the reference.

Divorce.

By Mr. Pierce of Milton, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Bill (on leave) to amend chapter 107 of the General Statutes, relating to divorce, ought not to pass.

Trustee process.

By Mr. Gardner of Palmer, from the same committee, that the Bill (on leave) to amend section 29 of chapter 142 of the General Statutes, concerning trustee process, ought not to pass.

Appeals.

By Mr. Pierce of Milton, from the same committee, that the Senate Bill to amend section 25 of chapter 120 of the General Statutes, relating to appeals before justices of the peace, district and police courts, ought not to pass.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on their rejection.

Westminster Savings Bank.

By Mr. Evans of Everett, from the committee on Banks and Banking, leave to withdraw, on the petition of F. S. Coolidge and others for a savings bank in Westminster.

Lynn bridges.

By Mr. Kimball of Revere, from the committee on Roads and Bridges, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the mayor of Lynn for relief from the burden of maintaining certain bridges.

Paupers.

By Mr. Pierce of Milton, from the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on the Order relative to amending chapter 274 of the Acts of 1874, in relation to the settlement of paupers.

Remarriage of divorced parties.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to amending the law so that after a divorce both parties may marry again. Mr. Allen of Boston dissented from the report, and recommended the substitution of a Bill relating to divorce, which was read and ordered to be printed.

Discount on taxes.

By Mr. Washburn of Worcester, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to repeal of section 41 of chapter 11 of the General Statutes, concerning discount on taxes.

Powers of justices of the peace.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order (recommitted) relative to amending chapter 120 of the General Statutes relating to judicial powers of justices of the peace.

Trustee process.

By Mr. Gardner of Palmer, from the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Charles R. Blaisdell and others for legislation relative to the trustee process;

and on petition of John Bowdlear for the repeal of the law under which wages may be trusted.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

By Mr. Wade of Newton, from the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures, on an order, a Bill to fix the salaries of the Insurance Commissioner, his deputy and clerks. Insurance Commissioner, etc.

Read and ordered to a second reading under suspension of the 42d rule.

By Mr. Merritt of Scituate, from the committee on Fisheries, on a petition, a Bill to preserve the eel fisheries in Jones River in the town of Kingston. Jones River.

By Mr. Kellogg of Pittsfield, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, on a petition, a Bill to dissolve the Salem Dispensary, and to authorize the transfer of its property to the Salem Hospital. Salem Dispensary.

By Mr. Hapgood of Boston, from the committee on Banks and Banking, on a petition, a Bill to change the name of the Shelburne Falls Five Cents Savings Bank. Shelburne Falls Five Cents Savings Bank.

By Mr. Stone of Waltham, from the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to revive the Boylston Bank in the city of Boston, for certain purposes. Boylston Bank.

By Mr. Hale of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, on an order, a Bill concerning the adoption of children. Adoption of children.

By Mr. Washburn of Worcester, from the same committee, on an order, a Bill to establish a common time for granting certain licenses, and to secure a more perfect record of such licenses and their revocation. Billiard and bowling licenses.

By Mr. Atkinson of Newburyport, from the committee on Harbors, on a Bill (on leave) to authorize the appointment of a harbor-master for the port of Newburyport, and for the preservation of the harbor, a Bill to authorize the appointment and define the duties of a harbor-master for the port of Newburyport. Newburyport harbor-master.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Reconsideration.

On motion of Mr. Smith of Lexington, the vote whereby the House yesterday rejected the Bill for the further protection of inclosed land was reconsidered, and the bill was recommitted to the committee on Agriculture. Inclosed land.

Discharged from the Orders.

Marriage be-
tween relatives.

On motion of Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, the report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to amending sections 1 and 2 of chapter 106 of the General Statutes, relative to marriage between certain relations, was discharged from the orders of the day.

On motion of the same gentleman, the report was laid on the table.

Orders of the Day.

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day.

The motion of Mr. Pierce of Milton to reconsider the vote by which the House yesterday refused to adopt the Order limiting the introduction of new business, was carried; and on motion of the same gentleman, the following Order was adopted as a substitute, and sent up for concurrence:—

Ordered, That the joint committee on Rules and Orders consider the expediency of a joint rule limiting the introduction of new business not provided for by rule 20 of the joint rules and orders.

The report of the committee on Prisons, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to the expediency of repealing or modifying certain Acts concerning the construction of a new state prison, and of providing for improvements to the prison at Charlestown, was considered. Mr. Kimball of Boston moved to amend by substituting a Bill authorizing improvements at the state prison, and for other purposes.

After debate, the motion prevailed, and the bill, having been read once, was placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow, under a suspension of the 42d rule.

The Bill (on leave) to declare the meaning of section 3 of chapter 107 of the General Statutes, relative to marriage of parties under age of consent, was rejected, as recommended by the committee on the Judiciary.

Bills:

Authorizing the town of Natick to raise money to pay the expenses of the funeral of the late vice-president, Henry Wilson;

In addition to an Act to regulate and limit municipal indebtedness; and

To fix the compensation of the chaplains of the Senate and House of Representatives ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

At 5.10, adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, February 16, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Gifford of Westport, petition of S. H. Macomber and others for legislation authorizing towns to offer a bounty for the destruction of crows and hawks. Referred to the committee on Agriculture. Crows and hawks.

By Mr. Walden of Lynn, petition of Elijah Holmes and others for amendment of section 13 of chapter 50 of the General Statutes, concerning peddlers' licenses. Referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. Peddlers' licenses.

By Mr. Bowen of Leominster, petition of J. F. Johnson and 30 others for woman suffrage. Referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage. Woman suffrage.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Huse of Newburyport, petition of James and Ellen E. Parton for legalization of their marriage contract; and of B. F. Atkinson and others in aid of the same. Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary. James and Ellen E. Parton.

Orders:

On motion of Mr. J. W. Hill of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on Rules and Orders consider the expediency of amending rule No. 84 of the House of Representatives, so that its application in certain cases may be more clearly defined. 84th rule.

On motion of Mr. Saunders of Pepperell,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire whether any legislation is expedient to secure a more complete taxation of personal property existing in cities and towns where it is not taxable. Taxation of personal property.

The following Order, offered by Mr. McCafferty of Worcester, was laid over, at the request of Mr. Pierce of Milton :—

District courts.

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Commonwealth be requested to inquire of the county treasurers of the counties in which district courts are established, and request them to report to him, for the benefit of the legislature, all expenses—viz., rent, services of process, officers' attendance, jurors, and costs of whatever kind and all kinds—paid by them as county treasurers on account of district courts during the year 1875, giving all the items; and that said reports be made on or before the 25th of February current.

County estimates.

On motion of Mr. Small of Provincetown, the estimates of the several counties, as returned by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, were ordered to be printed as a House document.

Papers from the Senate.

The following papers were referred in concurrence :

Connecticut River ferries.

Remonstrance of H. K. Starkweather and others against the passage of any act requiring towns to maintain free ferries across the Connecticut River. To the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Springfield & New London and Springfield, Athol & North-eastern railroad companies.

Petition of the Springfield and New London and the Springfield, Athol and North-Eastern railroad companies for additional terminal facilities in Springfield. To the committee on Railroads.

West Roxbury and Dorchester police courts.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on District Courts consider the expediency of uniting the police courts in West Roxbury and Dorchester, or of establishing a district court for said territory.

Worcester park.

A Bill to extend the time authorizing the city of Worcester to lay out a public park, and to establish and maintain a reservoir, introduced on leave in the Senate, was read and referred in concurrence to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

Custody of public moneys.

A Bill in relation to the custody of the public moneys, passed to be engrossed in a new draft by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading, under suspension of the 42d rule.

Bills.

Bills :

To incorporate the Boston Sugar Warehousing Company ;

To extend the charter of the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy; and

To authorize the Bay State Iron Company to increase its capital stock;

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read and ordered to a second reading.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Wade of Newton, from the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures, on the general Order relative to salaries and expenditures, asking to be discharged from further consideration of so much of said order as relates to the salaries paid under the direction of the Board of Education, and recommending the adoption of the following Order:—

Ordered, That the committee on Education be instructed to consider the salaries paid under the direction of the Board of Education, and report what legislation, if any, is expedient in reference thereto. Salaries paid by Board of Education.

Accepted, and the order adopted, under suspension of the rule, and sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Churchill of Boston, from the committee on Vagrants. Public Charitable Institutions, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to the relief of cities and towns from the support of vagrants.

By Mr. Jones of Abington, from the committee on Ten-hour law. Bureau of Statistics, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Sewall, Day & Co. and others, cordage manufacturers, for exemption from the ten-hour law.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

By Mr. Osgood of Salem, from the committee on Railroads, on a petition, a Bill to amend chapter 372 of the Acts of the year 1874, in relation to the uniform of certain employes of railroad corporations. Railroad uniform.

By Mr. Churchill of Boston, from the committee on State paupers. Public Charitable Institutions, on the annual report of the Board of State Charities, a Bill relating to state paupers.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Taken from the Table.

On motion of Mr. King of Boston, the Bill in further addition to an Act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government during the present year. Appropriation bill. No. 4.

On motion of the same gentleman, the consideration of the bill was postponed until Friday, February 18, the question being on ordering to a third reading, pending an amendment moved by Mr. Moseley of Boston.

Orders of the Day.

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Reports, leave to withdraw :

Of the committee on Banks and Banking, on petition of F. S. Coolidge and others for a savings bank in Westminster ; and

Of the committee on Roads and Bridges, on petition of the mayor of Lynn for relief from the burden of maintaining certain bridges ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Reports of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate :

On an Order relative to repealing section 41 of chapter 11 of the General Statutes, concerning discount on taxes ;

On an Order (recommitted) relative to amending chapter 120 of the General Statutes, concerning judicial powers of justices of the peace ;

On an Order relative to amending chapter 274 of the Acts of 1874, in relation to the settlement of paupers ; and

Leave to withdraw, on petition of John Bowdlear for repeal of the law under which wages may be trustee'd, and on petition of Charles R. Blaisdell and others for legislation relative to the trustee process ;

Were severally accepted.

The Senate Bill to amend section 25 of chapter 120 of the General Statutes, relating to appeals before justices of the peace, district and police courts ; and

The Bill (on leave) to amend chapter 107 of the General Statutes, relating to divorce ;

Were severally rejected, as recommended by the committee on the Judiciary.

The Bill for the relief of the Eastern Railroad Company and the securing of its debts and liabilities, postponed from Monday, was further considered. After debate, amendments moved by Messrs. Williams of Brookline and Evans of Everett were adopted, and the bill as amended was ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To authorize the appointment and define the duties of a harbor-master for the port of Newburyport ;

To preserve the eel fisheries in Jones River in the town of Kingston ;

To dissolve the Salem Dispensary and to authorize the transfer of its property to the Salem Hospital ;

To revive the Boylston Bank, in the city of Boston, for certain purposes ;

To amend an Act to establish the city of Chelsea ; and

To establish a common time for granting certain licenses, and to secure a more perfect record of such licenses and their revocation ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill authorizing the town of Natick to raise money to pay the expenses of the funeral of the late vice-president, Henry Wilson, was read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill in addition to an Act to regulate and limit municipal indebtedness, was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

At 5.40, adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 17, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Watts of Taunton, petition of Charles H. Macomber and 100 others for a change in the law relative to fishing in Taunton Great River. Referred to the committee on the Fisheries. Taunton Great River.

By Mr. Knowlton of New Bedford, petition of Edwin Hill and others for legislation in regard to the taxation of mortgaged property. Referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. Mortgaged property.

By the same gentleman, petition of S. H. Cook and others for incorporation as the New Bedford Marine Insurance Company. Referred to the committee on Insurance. New Bedford Marine Insurance Company.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Bristol 2d District Court.

By Mr. Fairbanks of Fall River, petition of James M. Morton and others for increase of the salaries of the justice and clerk of the second district court of Bristol. Referred to the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures.

Orders.

District court expenses.

The Order relative to obtaining from county treasurers the expenses of district courts in 1875, laid over yesterday, was adopted, and sent up for concurrence.

Savings banks.

On motion of Mr. Hannum of Cambridge,—

Ordered, That the committee on Banks and Banking consider the expediency of so amending the laws on taxation that savings banks shall be made to pay the same percentage of tax as other corporations.

Ib.

On motion of Mr. Kendall of Cambridge,—

Ordered, That the committee on Banks and Banking consider the expediency of so amending the laws relating to savings banks that such institutions shall be made to pay all fees charged by their agents for examining titles and preparing papers.

Tramps.

On motion of Mr. Reed of South Abington,—

Ordered, That the committee on Public Charitable Institutions inquire into the expediency of providing that the State shall refund to cities and towns some portion of the expense incurred by them in providing for tramps.

Telegraphic railroad signals.

On motion of Mr. Osgood of Salem,—

Ordered, That the committee on Railroads consider and report whether any legislation is necessary for the protection of telegraphic signals upon railroads.

Railroad tariffs.

On motion of Mr. Hawkes of Lynn,—

Ordered, That the committee on Railroads consider the expediency of providing by law that the passenger tariff on railroads in this Commonwealth shall not exceed two cents per mile; and also a freight tariff not to exceed ——— per mile per ton.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Mechanics' liens.

On motion of Mr. Pope of Somerville,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of so amending the law relating to liens on buildings and land that the statement required in section 5 of chapter 150 of the General Statutes, and the bond named in section 1 of chapter 321 of the Acts of

1874, shall be recorded in the registry of deeds for the registry district that includes the city or town in which is located the building or structure upon which a lien has been claimed.

On motion of Mr. Gifford of Westport, it was voted Adjournment. that when the House adjourns on Friday, it be to meet on Saturday at 11 o'clock, A. M.; and that when the House adjourns on Saturday, it be to meet on the succeeding Wednesday at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Introduced on Leave.

By Mr. Smith of Boston, a Bill to amend chapter 107 Divorce. of the General Statutes, relating to divorce.

By Mr. Osgood of Salem, a Bill in relation to the Warrants. service of warrants issued by district or police courts or trial justices.

By Mr. Knowlton of New Bedford, a Bill relating to District courts. criminal trials before district courts.

Severally read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary, the last named being ordered to be printed.

Papers from the Senate.

The petition of George C. Richardson & Co. and others Union Freight
Railway Com-
pany. in aid of the petition of the Old Colony Railroad Company, and the Boston and Providence Railroad Company, for leave to hold stock of the Union Freight Railway Company, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Railroads.

A Bill to amend chapter 293 of the Acts of the year 1874, relating to district courts in the county of Bristol, Bristol District
Courts. introduced on leave in the Senate, was read and referred in concurrence to the committee on District Courts.

The report of the committee on Printing, that the Order Fish Commis-
sioners. relative to printing 6,000 copies of the report of the Commissioners on Inland Fisheries ought to be adopted in an amended form, making the number 1,500, accepted by the Senate with an amendment making the number 3,000, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

A Bill to authorize the appointment and to define the New Bedford
harbor-master. duties of a harbor-master for the port of New Bedford, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

Fees.

Notice was received from the Senate of the rejection by that branch of the House Order (of February 10) relative to returns by clerks of courts and registers of deeds of their fees and receipts during 1874 and 1875.

*Bills Enacted.***Bills enacted.**

Engrossed bills :

To incorporate the Boston Police Relief Association ;

To change the time of election of the directors of the Collateral Loan Company, and for other purposes ;

To authorize the appointment of additional masters in chancery in the county of Worcester ;

Providing for the return of juvenile offenders to the state reform and industrial schools ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

To apportion representatives to the several counties ; and

To authorize the arrest of intoxicated persons, without a warrant, in certain cases ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

*Reports of Committees.***Divorce.**

By Mr. Smith of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Bill (on leave) to amend an Act to prevent frauds in procuring divorce, and to amend the law in relation thereto, ought not to pass.

Stable-keepers' liens.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, that the Bill (on leave) giving livery and feeding stable keepers a lien upon horses, mules, and other animals, for charges of boarding and keeping the same, ought not to pass.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on their rejection.

Saugus Savings Bank.

By Mr. Wetherell of Worcester, from the committee on Banks and Banking, leave to withdraw, on the petition of A. A. Scott and others of Saugus and Lynnfield for a savings bank in Saugus.

Organized bank robbery.

By Mr. Burr of Newton, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to increasing the penalty for organized bank robbery.

By Mr. Whitney of Belmont, from the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the town officers of North Reading for state aid for John Grant. North Reading
—John Grant.

By Mr. Ropes of Boston, from the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, reference to the next General Court on the petition of the town of Milford for authority to take water from Charles River, and on a remonstrance against the same. Milford water
supply.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

By Mr. Truell of Lawrence, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the Newburyport Society for the Relief of Aged Females to hold additional real and personal estate. Newburyport
Society for Re-
lief of Aged
Females.

By Mr. Clapp of Framingham, from the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, on a petition, a Bill to incorporate the Sturbridge Aqueduct Company. Sturbridge
Aqueduct Co.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Discharged from the Orders.

On motion of Mr. Churchill of Boston, the Bill relating to state paupers was discharged from the orders of the day and recommitted to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions. State paupers.

Orders of the Day.

Reports :

Inexpedient to legislate, of the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, on an Order relative to relief of towns and cities from the support of vagrants ; and

Leave to withdraw, of the committee on Bureau of Statistics, on petition of Sewall, Day & Co., cordage manufacturers, for exemption from the ten-hour law ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To amend chapter 372 of the Acts of the year 1874, in relation to the uniform of certain employes of railroad corporations ; and

To authorize the Bay State Iron Company to increase its capital stock ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To fix the compensation of the chaplains of the Senate and House of Representatives ;

Orders of the
day.

To authorize the appointment and define the duties of a harbor-master for the port of Newburyport;

To dissolve the Salem Dispensary and to authorize the transfer of its property to the Salem Hospital; and

To revive the Boylston Bank, in the city of Boston, for certain purposes;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to amend an Act to establish the city of Chelsea was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The report (leave to withdraw) of the committee on Elections, on petition of Edward J. Jenkins for the seat as representative for the Fifth Suffolk District, and recommending the adoption of a resolution concerning the seat held by George A. Shaw as representative from the Fifth Suffolk District, was further considered. At the request of Mr. Shaw the question was divided, and the report, leave to withdraw, was accepted. After an extended debate, the resolution was, on motion of Mr. Evans of Everett, laid on the table. Subsequently, on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, the resolution was taken from the table and placed first in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

At 5.35, the House
Adjourned.

FRIDAY, February 18, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

License law. By Mr. Nutter of East Bridgewater, petitions of Mrs. L. S. Hall and 250 others, and H. T. Wilcox and 168 others; and by Mr. Howland of Mattapoisett, petition of M. E. Randall and 198 others,—severally for repeal of the license law. Severally referred to the committee on the Liquor Law.

Peter Dooley. By Mr. Read of North Adams, petition of Peter Dooley for pay as a second lieutenant and recruiting officer.

Abby A. Dike. By Mr. Gilmore of Stoneham, petition of Abby A. Dike for state aid.

By Mr. Fairbanks of Fall River, petition of William S. Wm. S. Greene.
Greene for the refunding of certain money paid the Tax
Commissioner.

By Mr. Mackintosh of Needham, petition of James H. Eliza Brown.
Porter and others for state aid for Eliza Brown.

By Mr. Hartt of South Scituate, petition of Mary Mary Monahan.
Monahan for state aid.

By Mr. Reed of South Abington, petition of the select- South Abington.
men of South Abington to be reimbursed for rent of an
armory.

Severally referred to the committee on Claims.

By Mr. Garity of Lowell, petition of Charles R. Blais- State aid.
dell and others for amendment of the laws relating to
state aid for families of soldiers.

By Mr. Thayer of Franklin, petition of the President Dean Academy.
of Dean Academy for release from a certain bond, and for
a grant of rifles for the use of said academy.

Severally referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Fairbanks of Fall River, petition of the mayor Fall River.
of Fall River, for authority to construct a street through
a portion of a burial-ground.

By Mr. Sawyer of Salisbury, petition of the town of Salisbury.
Salisbury for relief from the expense of rebuilding and
maintaining a certain bridge between Newburyport and
Salisbury.

Severally referred to the committee on Roads and
Bridges.

By Mr. Knowles of Billerica, petition of Charles A. Narrow-gauge
railroads.
Ranlett and others for amendment of the general railroad
law to permit the construction of narrow-gauge railroads.

By Mr. Smith of Boston, petition of Jacob Hittinger Fitchburg Rail-
road Co.
and others for the repeal of section 2 of chapter 401 of
the Acts of 1874, relating to the Fitchburg Railroad
Company.

Severally referred to the committee on Railroads.

By Mr. Osgood of Salem, petition of Edward H. Knight Salem harbor-
master.
and others for an act authorizing the appointment of a
harbor-master for the port of Salem. Referred to the
committee on Harbors.

By Mr. Owen of Lanesborough, petition of R. W. Just and equal
taxation.
Field and others for just and equal taxation. Referred to
the committee on Taxation of Church Property.

Taunton Great River.

By Mr. Dean of Berkley, petition of Jacob A. Thomas and 70 others for a change in the law relative to fishing in Taunton Great River. Referred to the committee on the Fisheries.

Woman suffrage.

By Mr. Churchill of Boston, petition of John Robertson and 9 others for woman suffrage. Referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

Springfield Safe Deposit and Trust Co.

By Mr. Merritt of Springfield, petition of S. E. Seymour for an act to incorporate the Springfield Safe Deposit and Trust Company. Referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Fall River charter.

By Mr. Fairbanks of Fall River, petition of the mayor of Fall River for amendment of city charter.

Lynn charter.

By Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, petition of the mayor of Lynn for amendment of the charter of said city relative to appointment of certain officers.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Coveney of Cambridge,—

Receivers of insurance companies.

Ordered, That the committee on Insurance consider the expediency of amending chapter 308 of the Acts of 1864, relating to receivers of insurance companies.

On motion of the same gentleman,—

Mutual fire insurance companies.

Ordered, That the committee on Insurance consider the expediency of amending section 51 of chapter 58 of the general laws, relating to mutual fire insurance companies, so that the extent of the liability of a policyholder may be more distinctly set forth in his policy of insurance.

On motion of Mr. Knowles of Billerica,—

Narrow-gauge railroads.

Ordered, That the committee on Railroads inquire into the expediency of so amending the general railroad law as to permit the construction of railroads of 24 inches gauge.

On motion of Mr. Warren of Boston,—

Boilers.

Ordered, That the committee on Manufactures consider the expediency of providing for inspectors to examine engineers as a means of guarding against the explosion of boilers.

On motion of Mr. Pillsbury of Boston,—

Boston municipal courts.

Ordered, That the joint special committee on district

courts inquire and report whether any legislation is necessary or expedient in relation to the jurisdiction of the several municipal courts now established in the city of Boston; whether the expenses of said courts can be diminished, and whether any necessity exists for the establishment or continuance of eight municipal courts of civil and criminal jurisdiction within the city of Boston.

On motion of Mr. Snow of Barnstable,—

Ordered, That the committee on Public Charitable Institutions inquire whether further legislation is necessary as to the custody, discipline and training of juvenile offenders. Juvenile offenders.

On motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, the following Orders were adopted :—

Ordered, That the Clerks of the two houses cause rule 20 of the joint rules and orders, as amended, to be printed in the calendar each day until further order relating thereto. 20th joint rule.

Whereas, the two houses will not be in session on the twenty-second day of February, which is the latest day allowed by the 20th joint rule for the introduction of business of a private nature, except for reference to the next General Court,—

Ordered, That rule 20 of the joint rules and orders of the two branches be so far suspended as to allow the reference to appropriate committees on the twenty-third day of February of petitions, memorials and applications presented or introduced in either house on that day.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

The following Order, offered by Mr. Foque of Malden, was laid over at the request of Mr. Pierce of Milton :—

Ordered, That there be printed 500 copies of the lists of the standing and special committees of the respective branches of the legislature, and of the joint standing and special committees. Committee lists.

The following, offered by Mr. Hunt of Sudbury, was also laid over at the request of Mr. Pierce of Milton :—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire whether, under existing laws, taxes may be assessed for the purpose of defraying the expenses of repairs of highways, etc., separate from taxes assessed for other purposes. Highway taxes.

Trustee process. On motion of Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, the Bill (on leave) to amend section 29 of chapter 142 of the General Statutes, concerning trustee process, was ordered to be printed.

Introduced on Leave.

Lobster fisheries.

By Mr. Cobb of Dedham, a Bill for the protection of the lobster fisheries.

Trout, etc.

By Mr. Fuller of Boston, a Bill for the protection of trout, land-locked salmon and lake trout.

Severally read, referred to the committee on the Fisheries, and sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

The following petitions were referred in concurrence :

West Congregational Society of Dracut.

Of the West Congregational Society in Dracut, for a change of name. To the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Truro boundary.

Petition of the town of Truro for an act more clearly defining the boundary line between Truro and Provincetown. To the committee on Towns.

Truro highway.

Petition of the town of Truro for an act authorizing the county commissioners for the county of Barnstable to lay out a highway over land of the Commonwealth in Truro and Provincetown. To the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Norfolk Agricultural Society.

A Bill to authorize the Norfolk Agricultural Society to assess its members, introduced on leave in the Senate, was read and ruled out under the 22d joint rule.

Union Freight Railway Co.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Railroads inquire into the expediency of providing by law that any railroad corporation having a terminus in the city of Boston may purchase and hold stock in the Union Freight Railway Company.

Pilgrim Evangelical Society, Southborough.

A Bill to authorize the Pilgrim Evangelical Society in Southborough to hold real estate for parsonage purposes, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

Bills Enacted.

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills :

Making additional appropriations for certain expenditures authorized in 1875 and previous years ; and

Making appropriations for the mileage and compensation of the members of the legislature, and for the compen-

sation of the preacher of the election sermon, the chaplains, assistant clerks, doorkeepers, messengers and pages of the Senate and House of Representatives, and for other purposes ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Ropes of Boston, from the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, on a petition, a Bill in relation to reservoirs and lands owned by cities and towns in connection with their water supply. Read, and on motion of the same gentleman, referred to the committee on the Judiciary, under suspension of the rule. Reservoirs, etc.

By Mr. Knowlton of New Bedford, from the committee on Insurance, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to abolishing the office of Deputy Insurance Commissioner. Deputy Insurance Commissioner.

By Mr. Hale of Boston, from the House committee on Rules and Orders, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to amending rule 84 of the House of Representatives. 84th rule.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

By Mr. Paul of Boston, from the committee on Insurance, on a petition, a Bill to incorporate the Fidelity Assurance Company. Fidelity Assurance Co.

By Mr. Foque of Malden, from the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relating to the location of risks to be taken by mutual fire insurance companies. Mutual fire insurance risks.

By Mr. Smith of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, on an order, a Bill to regulate costs upon motions for new trial. Costs on motions for new trial.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

By Mr. Hale of Boston, from the joint committee on Rules and Orders, on an Order recommending the adoption of an amendment to the 20th joint rule, as follows :— 20th joint rule.

After the word "February," insert the words, "and all other subjects of legislation which shall be proposed or introduced after the first day of March."

Accepted, under suspension of the rule, and sent up for concurrence.

Discharged from the Orders.

Organized bank robbery.

On motion of Mr. Morse of Canton, the report of the committee on Banks and Banking, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to increasing the penalty for organized bank robbery, was discharged from the orders of the day, and, on motion of the same gentleman, was recommitted to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Orders of the Day.

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Reports :

Leave to withdraw, of the committee on Claims, on petition of the town officers of North Reading for state aid for John Grant ; and

Reference to next General Court, of the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, on the petition of the town of Milford for authority to take water from Charles River, and a remonstrance against the same ;

Were severally accepted, and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Printing, on an Order relative to printing 6,000 extra copies of the report of the Commissioners of Inland Fisheries, that an amended order providing for 1,500 copies ought to be adopted, accepted by the Senate with an amendment making the number 3,000, was accepted, and the order adopted in concurrence, as amended.

The Bill (on leave) to amend an Act to prevent frauds in procuring divorce, and to amend the law in relation thereto, was rejected, as recommended by the committee on the Judiciary.

Bills :

To fix the salaries of the Insurance Commissioner, his deputy and clerks ;

To authorize the Newburyport Society for the Relief of Aged Females to hold additional real and personal estate ;

To incorporate the Sturbridge Aqueduct Company ;

To incorporate the Boston Sugar Warehousing Company ;

To extend the charter of the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy ; and

In relation to the custody of the public moneys ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To preserve the eel fisheries in Jones River in the town of Kingston ; and

To amend chapter 372 of the Acts of the year 1874, in relation to the uniform of certain employés of railroad corporations ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to authorize the Bay State Iron Company to increase its capital stock, was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Resolution concerning the seat held by George A. Shaw as representative from the Fifth Suffolk District, was further considered. After debate, the yeas and nays were ordered on motion of Mr. J. W. Hill of Boston, on the question of adopting the Resolution, and it was adopted by a vote of 126 yeas to 67 nays, as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. Adams, Ebenezer.
Alley, William A.
Appell, J. Franklin.
Atkinson, Michael.
Ayer, Edwin.
Babson, John J.
Bailey, Daniel D.
Ballou, Monroe E.
Bartlett, James E. T.
Batchelor, Benjamin S.
Bowen, Francis C.
Buckminster, Joseph.
Burr, Isaac T.
Capron, Charles C.
Chase, Frederick T.
Clapp, Frederick W.
Coburn, Edward.
Coggshall, Henry F.
Converse, Charles S.
Cook, John H.
Cordis, Thomas F.
Danforth, Charles H.
Dean, Dallas J.
Dean, Herbert A.
Doane, Freeman.
Downer, Francis E.
Evans, Alonzo H.
Fairbanks, George O.

Messrs. Foque, Theodore N.
Fuller, Charles.
Fuller, Henry W.
Gardner, Charles L.
Gifford, Benjamin.
Gilmore, Onslow.
Goodsell, Curtis B.
Hale, Charles.
Hall, Andrew.
Hannum, Leander M.
Hartt, Joseph T.
Hathaway, Frederick.
Hathaway, Isaac N.
Heywood, Samuel R.
Hicks, Samuel D.
Hill, Henry B.
Holmes, Henry T.
Howland, Weston.
Hunt, Jonas S.
Jones, Jesse H.
Keith, Ambrose.
Keith, Ziba C.
Kellogg, Ensign H.
Kimball, Ensign.
Kimball, Moses.
King, William S.
Kingsbury, Joseph A.
Kirtland, Edwin L.

Messrs. Knapp, Joel.
 Knowlton, Henry C.
 Knowlton, Hosea M.
 Longley, Samuel.
 Mackintosh, James.
 March, Andrus.
 McPherson, Eben'r M.
 Merritt, George W.
 Miner, Henry S.
 Morrill, George W.
 Morse, Elijah A.
 Morse, William.
 Moseley, Frederick P.
 Nelson, Sherman.
 Noonan, Daniel.
 Nourse, B. Alden.
 Osborn, Weaver.
 Owen, Harvey M.
 Parker, Frederick.
 Partridge, David A.
 Paul, Joseph F.
 Pierce, Edward L.
 Pillsbury, Albert E.
 Pope, Charles G.
 Prouty, David.
 Read, Washington.
 Reed, George R.
 Reed, George W.
 Reynolds, Rice M.
 Rice, Charles B.
 Richards, Charles W.
 Richmond, Jonathan C.
 Robinson, Wallace F.
 Rogers, Charles A.
 Ropes, Joseph S.

Messrs. Rust, Nathaniel J.
 Sandford, Addison.
 Sawin, Samuel D.
 Searle, John F.
 Sherman, Elon.
 Sleeper, Solomon S.
 Small, Isalah A.
 Smith, Newton.
 Smith Robert D.
 Southwick, John R.
 Spaulding, Mark H.
 Stevens, James T.
 Stone, Frederick M.
 Swett, Noah.
 Taylor, Charles A.
 Taylor, Oliver.
 Thayer, Davis, Jr.
 Wade, Levi C.
 Wadsworth, Alexander.
 Wallace, William S.
 Washburn, John D.
 Waterman, Eleazer E.
 Webster, David L.
 Wellington, Austin C.
 Wetherbee, John.
 Wetherell, John W.
 White, Benjamin.
 White, James.
 Whitney, Edward.
 Williams, Moses, Jr.
 Wilson, George C.
 Wing, Daniel.
 Winship, Thomas.
 Winslow, Isaac.
 Woods, William.

NAYS.

Messrs. Allen, Stillman B.
 Amsden, Edwin.
 Barry, Patrick.
 Bates, Eliakim A.
 Bird, Warren A.
 Bird, Warren P.
 Breed, Amos F.
 Brownell, Lysander N.
 Carney, Michael.
 Clapp, Lafayette.
 Clark, John P.
 Cobb, John D.
 Coveney, Jeremiah W.

Messrs. Croak, Michael J.
 Crocker, Elisha, Jr.
 Curtiss, Albert W.
 Doherty, Neil.
 Fish, William W.
 Fisk, Luther.
 Freeto, John.
 Gargan, Thomas J.
 Garity, Thomas R.
 Gibbons, John M.
 Granger, George W.
 Hartwell, James D.
 Hawkes, Nathan M.

Messrs. Hawks, Alanson K.	Messrs. Root, Joseph H.
Hill, John B.	Sawyer, Ebenezer.
Hill, Joseph W.	Shattuck, Calvin W.
Hitchings, Otis M.	Slade, Albion K.
Ingalls, Ephraim A.	Smith, Andrew.
Jenks, Thomas L.	Smith, Webster.
Kennedy, Patrick.	Stacey, Benjamin F.
Lawrence, Daniel W.	Sullivan, Michael.
Lindsey, Nathaniel E.	Supple, James F.
Loud, Charles A.	Talbot, Samuel, Jr.
Mayo, Edward F.	Truell, Byron.
Merritt, Christopher C.	Tuttle, Henry G.
Mooney, Thomas.	Van Deusen, William I.
Murphy, Jeremiah.	Walden, Edwin.
Murphy, John J.	Ward, Alanson W.
Nichols, John B.	Warren, Alonzo.
Noble, Reuben.	Watts, William.
Norton, John B.	Whicher, John D.
Osgood, Charles S.	Wood, Eliphaz H.
Preston, David A.	Woodward, James C.
Putnam, Henry W.	

Yeas, 126 ; nays, 67.

A Point of Order.

Mr. Ropes of Boston having asked the ruling of the Chair on the right of a member owning stock or bonds, or other liabilities of the Eastern Railroad Company, to vote on the Bill for the relief of the Eastern Railroad Company and the securing of its debts and liabilities, the Speaker gave the following decision :—

Eastern Railroad Co.—a point of order.

The point is raised whether, in view of this rule, a creditor or stockholder of the Eastern Railroad Company may vote upon the bill "for the relief of the Eastern Railroad Company and the securing of its debts and liabilities." There is no doubt that the private rights of both creditors and stockholders are concerned in this bill ; the only question is whether they are "immediately" so concerned, "distinct from the public interest," within the intent of the rule.

The authorities seem to be decisive. A similar rule in the national house of representatives does not contain the words "distinct from the public interest," and yet it has never been applied to members who were merchants, or engaged in business affected by the tariffs. [Note to Rule 29, Barclay's Digest, 1875.] On the contrary, "Where proposed legislation affects a class as distinct from individ-

uals, it has always been held that a member has a right to vote." [*Ibid.* p. 122.]

Referring to our own records, I find that in 1838 Mr. Speaker Winthrop decided that stockholders in a bank are not disqualified from serving on a committee on the suspension of specie payments; also, that stockholders of a railroad are not disqualified from voting on a bill granting state aid in the construction of their road; and also, in 1840, that stockholders in a corporation are not disqualified from voting on a bill making them personally liable for its debts; all which decisions were sustained upon appeal.

In 1866, Mr. Speaker Stone held, indeed, that upon a bill granting bounties in cash to certain persons, one of those persons, who was a member of the House, could not vote; and yet in his opinion he uses the following language, which clearly recognizes the right of a creditor or stockholder of the Eastern Railroad to vote in the present case: "A member may be a stockholder in a corporation which may be affected by general or special laws, having regard to public policy or intended to promote public improvement. In such case, beside his interest in common with the whole people of the State, he may have a special interest in common with the other stockholders. Such an interest would be inseparably mixed with the public interest. Such an interest, moreover, would be remote and secondary. The possible benefit would not attach to the member by virtue of the direct force of the law alone, but would come to him as a participant with others similarly situated. His interest would thus be but an inseparable share of the common results of action by the corporation. This action, under the authority of the law, and stimulated by its influence, might produce a general benefit, from which a benefit would inevitably flow to him in common with other citizens. While this benefit would be consequent upon the passage of the law, it would not be its immediate effect. All authorities agree that the private interest which excludes a member's vote should be an "immediate pecuniary interest, distinct from the public interest." And Mr. Speaker Stone concludes this part of his opinion with the statement that the interest of a stockholder in a corporation is clearly not the private interest contemplated by the rule, but is of the same sort as that which Mr. Speaker Winthrop, in the decisions referred

to, decided ought not to exclude members from voting. [Journal of the House, 1866, p. 364.]

But, aside from precedent, in the present case the objects of the bill are: first, the relief and continued existence of a great railroad corporation, of vital importance to the trade, transportation and convenience of the public; and, second, the payment of its debts, in which the honor of the State and the welfare of the whole community are involved. Both these objects are matters which concern at once the private right of every stockholder and creditor, and at the same time the public interest, which cannot be better subserved than by saving a great public enterprise from bankruptcy and ruin, and by the payment of the debts of one of the leading corporations of the State. So far from being distinct, the private right of the stockholder and creditor on the one hand, and the interest of the public on the other, are identical; to wit, to save the road and pay its debts. To apply the language of the authority I have cited, the private right is "inseparably mixed with the public interest," mixed, however, not in antagonism, but in harmony.

The Chair, therefore, upon these grounds, decides that under the 61st rule a stockholder or creditor of the Eastern Railroad Company who is a member of the House may vote upon the bill in question.

The Speaker announced that he would be absent tomorrow, and designated Mr. Kimball of Boston to occupy the chair on that day. Mr. Kimball of Boston.

At 5.18, adjourned.

SATURDAY, February 19, 1876.

Met according to adjournment, Mr. Kimball of Boston in the chair.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Rice of Danvers, a member of the House.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Nutter of East Bridgewater, petition of the selectmen of Lakeville, Bridgewater and West Bridgewater, and others, for repeal of chapter 258 of the Acts Taunton and Nemasket rivers.

of 1871, and for regulation of the alewife and shad fisheries in Taunton Great River and Nemasket River.

Taunton Great River.

By Mr. Keith of Bridgewater, petition of the selectmen of Bridgewater and 58 others for a change in the law relating to fishing in Taunton Great River.

Severally referred to the committee on the Fisheries.

Old Colony Railroad Co.

By Mr. Fairbanks of Fall River, petition of the Old Colony Railroad Company for authority to purchase the property and railroad of the Fall River, Warren and Providence Railroad Company.

Boston & Maine Railroad.

By Mr. Truell of Lawrence, petition of the Boston and Maine Railroad for authority to purchase the railroad and franchises of the Danvers Railroad Company, and of the Newburyport Railroad Company.

Severally referred to the committee on Railroads.

Weymouth.

By Mr. Sherman of Weymouth, petition of Lorenzo Tuck and 300 others, for a division of the town of Weymouth.

Watertown and Newton.

By Mr. Wade of Newton, petition of George H. Dupee and 19 others, for annexation of a part of Watertown to Newton.

Severally referred to the committee on Towns.

Margaret J. Lincoln.

By Mr. Pope of Somerville, petition of Margaret J. Lincoln for state aid. Referred to the committee on Claims.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Town halls.

By Mr. Ropes of Boston, petition of E. W. Tolman and others for an Act to authorize towns to take land for town halls. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

John Davis—
Fifth Suffolk District.

By Mr. Jenks of Boston, petition of John Davis and others for a new election for representative in the Fifth Suffolk District. Referred to the committee on Elections.

Subsequently, Mr. Pillsbury of Boston moved to reconsider the vote by which the petition was so referred, which motion was placed first in the orders of the day for Wednesday.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Read of Attleborough,—

Vagrants,
tramps and
beggars.

Ordered, That the committee on Public Charitable Institutions consider the expediency of enacting more stringent laws for the arrest and sentence to labor of vagrants, tramps or common beggars.

On motion of Mr. Rice of Danvers,—

Ordered, That the committee on Water Supply and Drainage be instructed to inquire whether any further legislation is necessary to authorize the introduction of pure water into the town of Danvers, either in connection with the supply of water to be furnished to the State Lunatic Hospital in said town, or in any other manner. Danvers water supply.

On motion of Mr. Cobb of Dedham,—

Ordered, That the committee on Constitutional Amendments consider the expediency of so amending the Constitution, that the Legislature may alter the boundaries of councillor, senatorial and representative districts to conform to town lines, whenever the latter have been or may be changed. Councillor, senatorial and representative districts.

On motion of Mr. Read of Attleborough,—

Ordered, That the committee on Railroads consider and report upon the expediency of amending section 165 of the general railway law, Acts of 1874, chapter 372, by inserting the words "or passing through" after the clause "terminating in," so that the section shall read: "When any railroad constructed since the 8th of April, 1872, meets another railroad terminating in or passing through the same city or town," etc. Connecting railroads.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Van Deusen of Great Barrington,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of passing a law preventing and forbidding children from unnecessarily getting on and off cars at railway stations. Children getting on cars.

On motion of the same gentleman,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of the passage of a law preventing the assignment of wages. Assignment of wages.

Mr. Hale of Boston offered the following Order, which was adopted, as a substitute for the order offered yesterday by Mr. Foque of Malden, and laid over:—

Ordered, That the Clerk cause to be printed 500 copies of the lists of the standing and special committees of the two Houses, and of the joint standing and special committees, complete to date, together with the committees of the Executive Council. Lists of committees.

Mr. Pierce of Milton offered the following Order, which

was adopted as a substitute for the order offered yesterday by Mr. Hunt of Sudbury, and laid over:—

Highway taxes. *Ordered*, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire as to the expediency of amending existing laws in relation to the assessment of taxes for the purpose of defraying the expenses of repairs of highways.

Papers from the Senate.

Constitutional amendments. Notice was received from the Senate of the rejection by that branch of the several articles of amendment of the Constitution, passed at the last session of the General Court, relative to sheriffs, clerks of courts, district attorneys, and commissioners of insolvency.

Winthrop statue. The report of the committee on Education, no legislation necessary on an invitation to visit a statue of Gov. John Winthrop, procured for the national gallery at Washington, was accepted in concurrence under suspension of the rule.

Edward Crane. The petition of Edward Crane and associates, for incorporation as the Boston and Chicago Railway Trust Company, was referred in concurrence to a joint special committee to be appointed, to consist of two on the part of the Senate with such as the House may join.

License law. The following petitions were referred in concurrence to the committee on the Liquor Law: Of George West and 1,321 others; of Mrs. W. B. Fessenden and 868 others; and of D. R. Cushman and 270 others,—severally for the repeal of the license law.

Committee. *Ordered*, In concurrence, that the committee on Public Charitable Institutions be authorized to send for persons and papers in order to investigate more thoroughly than can otherwise be done, charges which have been made against the management of certain charitable institutions.

Mass. Central Railroad. A Bill to extend the time for applications for damages for land taken for the location of the Massachusetts Central Railroad, introduced on leave in the Senate, was read and ruled out by the chair under the 22d joint rule.

Reports of Committees.

Reports of the committee on Finance:

F. B. Kellogg. By Mr. Converse of Woburn, that the Resolve in favor of F. B. Kellogg ought to pass.

State library. By Mr. Loud of Winchendon, that the Resolve pro-

viding for the preparation of a catalogue for the State Library ought to pass.

By Mr. Dean of Adams, that the Resolve in favor of ^{Abbie S. Cowles.} Abbie S. Cowles ought to pass.

By Mr. Nichols of Haverhill, that the Resolve in favor of ^{J. McGrath.} John McGrath ought to pass.

By Mr. Breed of Lynn, that the Resolve in favor of the ^{Lynn.} city of Lynn ought to pass.

By the same gentleman, that the Resolve in favor of the ^{Bellingham.} selectmen of the town of Bellingham ought to pass.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for a second reading on Wednesday.

By Mr. Hale of Boston, from the committee on the ^{Enginemen, etc.} Judiciary, on an order, a Bill relating to the term of office of enginemen and other members of fire departments. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Orders of the Day.

The report, inexpedient to legislate, of the committee ^{Orders of the day.} on Rules and Orders, on an Order relative to amending rule 84 of the House of Representatives, was accepted.

The report, inexpedient to legislate, of the committee on Insurance, on an Order relative to abolishing the office of Deputy Insurance Commissioner, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to authorize the Pilgrim Evangelical Society in Southborough to hold real estate for parsonage purposes, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To establish a common time for granting certain licenses, and to secure a more perfect record of such licenses and their revocation ;

To authorize the Newburyport Society for the Relief of Aged Females to hold additional real and personal estate ; and

To incorporate the Sturbridge Aqueduct Company ;
Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To extend the charter of the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy ; and

In relation to the custody of the public moneys ;
Were severally passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

At 12.02, adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, February 23, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

- Sandisfield, Otis and Tolland.** By Mr. Granger of Tolland, petition of the selectmen of Sandisfield, Otis and Tolland for reimbursement for money expended by them in the partial construction of the Lee and New Haven Railroad.
- Augustus Richardson.** By Mr. Clapp of Framingham, petition of Augustus Richardson for compensation for wood and timber consumed on the state muster field at Framingham in 1873.
- Alexander Black.** By the same gentleman, petition of Alexander Black for compensation for damage done his property by the militia encamped at Framingham in 1874.
- C. J. Hinkson.** By Mr. Williams of Brookline, petition of Dexter H. Follett and others for compensation to C. J. Hinkson for injury received in the militia service.
- F. F. Follansbee.** By the same gentleman, petition of the same parties for compensation to F. F. Follansbee for injury received in the militia service.
- Company D, 10th Regiment.** By Mr. Coggs of Fitchburg, petition of Wm. J. Winch and others of Co. D, 10th regiment, M. V. M., for reimbursement for money fraudulently appropriated by the late captain of said company.
- A. Farquharson.** By Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, petition of Alexander Farquharson of Boston for state aid.
- Wm. Pratt.** By Mr. Loud of Winchendon, petition of William Pratt for compensation for injuries received while in the service of the Commonwealth.
- Ellen Nolan.** By Mr. Parker of Milford, petition of George G. Parker for state aid for Ellen Nolan.
- J. H. Eldridge.** By Mr. Talbot of Boston, petition of J. H. Eldridge for aid on account of injuries received June 17, 1875, while on military duty.
- Samuel Easter.** By the same gentleman, petition of Samuel Easter for aid on account of injury received while in camp at Framingham.
- Edward Fisher.** By the same gentleman, petition of Edward Fisher for aid on account of injury received while in camp at Framingham.

Severally referred to the committee on Claims.

By Mr. Van Deusen of Great Barrington, petition of H. L. Rowe and 110 others; by Mr. Smith of South Hadley, petition of E. H. Judd and others; by Mr. Granger of Tolland, petition of A. D. Ormsby and others; by Mr. Miner of Phillipston, petition of David C. Paige and 32 others; and by Mr. Dean of Adams, petition of F. C. Tower and others, and petition of J. L. Cain and others, —severally for just and equal taxation.

Severally referred to the committee on Taxation of Church Property.

By Mr. J. W. Hill of Boston, remonstrance of Henry M. Hall and others of Mattapoisett against a repeal of the park act of said town. Mattapoisett park.

By Mr. Whitney of Belmont, remonstrance of N. C. Sanger and others against petition of L. E. Chase for the annexation of a part of Watertown to the city of Newton. Watertown and Newton.

By Mr. Rust of Boston, petition of George Clarke, Jr., and others, for a change of the boundary line of Boston so as to include that part of Quincy called "Squantum." Boston and Squantum.

By Mr. Burr of Newton, petition of Henry D. Bassett and others for the annexation of a part of Watertown to the city of Newton. Watertown and Newton.

Severally referred to the committee on Towns.

By Mr. Haskell of Ipswich, petition of Frederic Willcomb and others for legislation to authorize the building of a bridge over tide-water in Ipswich River. Ipswich River.

By Mr. Rust of Boston, petition of H. N. Holbrook and others for extension of time for building Squantum bridge. Squantum bridge.

By Mr. Babson of Gloucester, petition of J. O. Proctor and others for a change in the harbor line in Gloucester harbor. Gloucester harbor.

Severally referred to the committee on Harbors.

By Mr. Swett of Wellfleet, petition of R. H. Libby and 61 others for legislation concerning the taking of eels in the creeks and rivers of said town. Eels in Wellfleet.

By Mr. Taylor of Chicopee, petition of Lafayette Clapp for an act to prevent the taking of fish from certain ponds in Easthampton without consent of the proprietors. Easthampton.

By Mr. Dean of Berkley, petition of Isaac N. Babbitt and 50 others for a change in the law relative to fishing in Taunton Great River. Taunton Great River.

Severally referred to the committee on the Fisheries.

Municipal and district courts.

By Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, petition of John T. Clark for revision of the municipal and district court system.

Lee.

By Mr. Reynolds of Monson, remonstrance of Wellington Smith and others against including the town of Lee in a district court.

Severally referred to the committee on District Courts.

A patent faucet.

By Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, petition of J. W. Stickney and others that the use of a certain patent measuring faucet may be authorized by law. Referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Fitchburg Horse Railway.

By Mr. Coggs of Fitchburg, petition of J. B. Proctor and others that the charter of the Fitchburg Horse Railroad may be amended and extended. Referred to the committee on Street Railways.

Fire patrols, etc.

By the same gentleman, petition of Lewis H. Bradford and others for legislation authorizing cities and towns to establish fire patrols or protective departments. Referred to the committee on Insurance.

Coal.

By Mr. Kellogg of Pittsfield, petition of Page, Harding & Co. and others of Berkshire County for legislation in regard to railroad transportation of coal. Referred to the committee on Railroads.

Winchester water commissioners.

By Mr. Hicks of Arlington, petition of the selectmen of Winchester for amendment of section 4 of chapter 265 of the Acts of 1872, concerning the water commissioners of said town. Referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

License law.

By Mr. Buckminster of New Bedford, petition of A. T. Eddy and others for repeal of the license law. Referred to the committee on the Liquor Law.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Boston building law.

By Mr. Hale of Boston, petition of John Ayres and others for amendment of the building law of the city of Boston.

Provincetown.

By Mr. Small of Provincetown, petition of the selectmen of Provincetown for an Act to legalize the action of said town in establishing a sinking fund for the liquidation of its debt on account of the Old Colony Railroad Company.

New Bedford.

By Mr. Buckminster of New Bedford, petition of the mayor of New Bedford for amendment of charter consolidating the police force for said city.

Daniel Mahony.

By Mr. Fuller of Boston, petition of Daniel Mahony for

confirmation of a deed made by Nicholas J. A. O'Brien to said Mahony, dated April 5, 1854.

By Mr. Wade of Newton, petition of the mayor and aldermen of Newton for the establishment of a district court in the southern part of Middlesex County. District Court for Southern Middlesex.

By Mr. Smith of South Hadley, petition of E. H. Judd and others for exclusion from Fire District No. 1, in the town of South Hadley. South Hadley.

By Mr. Ropes of Boston, petition of F. W. Bird and others for amendment of the law relating to night-walkers, so as to make it applicable to both sexes. Night-walkers.

By Mr. Lawrence of Medford, petition of the selectmen of Medford for an Act to provide for the prevention and abatement of nuisances, and for the preservation of the public health in the town of Medford. Medford.

By Mr. Haskell of Ipswich, petition of John H. Cogswell of Ipswich and others that said town may be authorized to raise money by taxation for celebrating the two hundred and forty-second anniversary of its settlement. Ipswich.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Croak of Boston, petition of R. J. Fife; by Mr. Noonan of Boston, petition of Francis M. Hughes; by Mr. Carney of Boston, petition of Robert McCue; and by Mr. Hale of Boston, petition of Horace L. Bowker, —severally for the seat as representative from the Fifth Suffolk District. Fifth Suffolk District.

By Mr. Jenks of Boston, petition of E. B. Rankin and 101 others for a new election for representative from the Fifth Suffolk District. Do.

Severally referred to the committee on Elections.

By Mr. Clapp of Framingham, petition of W. N. Mason for an Act to correct a clerical error in a deed of assignment given him by the judge of probate of Middlesex County. Referred to the committee on Probate and Chancery. W. N. Mason.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Evans of Everett,—

Ordered, That the committee on Banks and Banking inquire into the expediency of exempting from taxation so much of real estate as is owned by savings banks, and which is already taxed by the Commonwealth in the assessment on the deposits held by such savings banks. Savings banks.

- Savings banks.** On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston,—
Ordered, That the committee on Banks and Banking consider the expediency of providing by law for the appointment by the governor and council of auditors to examine all savings banks having a deposit of more than a million dollars.
- State aid.** On motion of Mr. Parker of Milford,—
Ordered, That the committee on Claims consider what legislation is required to render more uniform and equal the payment of state aid to disabled soldiers and their families.
- Record of conditional bargains on personal property.** On motion of the same gentleman,—
Ordered, That the committee on Mercantile Affairs consider the expediency of requiring record to be made in the office of the city or town clerk, when personal property not exempt from attachment is delivered on a conditional bargain of sale to take effect in the future, as in case of personal mortgages.
- Fire districts.** On motion of the same gentleman,—
Ordered, That the committee on Insurance consider the expediency of amending section 44 of the 24th chapter of the General Statutes, and chapter 332 of the Acts of the year 1870, so that a portion of the tax to be assessed for maintaining fire districts and districts for other purposes named in either of said Acts may be assessed on the polls within such districts.
- Children.** On motion of Mr. Wilson of Taunton,—
Ordered, That the committee on Education be instructed to inquire whether any further legislation is necessary to provide for the education of children whose parents may be unable by reason of poverty to send them to the public schools.
- Dams, etc.** On motion of Mr. Van Deusen of Great Barrington,—
Ordered, That the committee on Roads and Bridges consider the expediency of additional legislation for the protection of towns and cities in cases where dams and reservoirs are raised, erected or maintained under chapter 144 of the Acts of 1873, authorizing proprietors of mills and reservoirs to obtain power from county commissioners to so change existing ways and roads as to raise, erect and maintain dams to raise water without overflowing such ways and roads, and without liability of indictment, by

providing: That the owners of the dams shall be liable both primarily and to the town or city for accidents, injuries and damages occurring or attributable to the action of water maintained by said dam on such ways or roads; and also that the county commissioners, upon the petition of any town or city in which said way or road is situated, shall from time to time have power to order to be constructed at the expense of the owner of such dams such further alterations, repairs and changes of grade of such way or road, as may in their opinion be necessary to repair any damage to the same caused by the action of the water thereon, and also to prevent future damage thereto by water, and to make and keep the same safe and convenient for travel.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Hale of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of legislation to define more clearly the provisions of the charter of the city of Boston and Acts in amendment thereof, with regard to the residence of qualified voters and the preparation of the voting-lists in said city. Boston charter and voting lists.

On motion of Mr. Smith of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire whether any legislation is required relative to the election of ward officers in the city of Boston. Boston ward officers.

On motion of the same gentleman,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 393 of the Acts of the year 1870, in relation to witnesses. Witnesses.

On motion of Mr. Estabrook of Lunenburg,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending section 6 of chapter 304 of the Acts of 1870, by striking out the words "and not for sale," so as to allow persons owning real estate to market game taken thereon. Marketing game.

On motion of Mr. Washburn of Worcester,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the inspection and regulation of steamboats used for conveyance of passengers on inland lakes and streams within the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth. Steamboats.

- Record of mortgages. On motion of Mr. Van Deusen of Great Barrington,—
Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of limiting the time when all mortgages of real estate in this Commonwealth shall be recorded, to be valid against creditors of the mortgagor, by providing that all mortgages shall be recorded within fourteen days from the execution thereof, in the registry of deeds for the district; and if it is necessary that the same be recorded in more than one district, the time shall be extended seven days for each additional district of registry.
- Town sinking funds. On motion of Mr. Parker of Milford,—
Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending chapter 209 of the Acts of 1875, so that towns and cities may, in providing the sinking fund therein required, deduct from their indebtedness all their cash assets; and that such sinking fund shall only be required to meet the excess of indebtedness above one per cent. of valuation.
- Trial list. On motion of Mr. Merritt of Springfield,—
Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending chapter 290 of the laws of 1870, relating to a trial-list.
- Record of leases. On motion of Mr. Seymour of Springfield,—
Ordered, That the Judiciary committee consider the expediency of amending section 3 of chapter 89 of the General Statutes, relating to the record of leases.
- Change of names. On motion of the same gentleman,—
Ordered, That the Judiciary committee consider the expediency of amending section 12 of chapter 110 of the General Statutes, relating to change of names.
- Police courts and trial justices. On motion of Mr. Sawyer of Salisbury,—
Ordered, That the Judiciary committee consider the expediency of reporting a Bill giving police courts and trial justices concurrent jurisdiction with the superior court in complaints for the disturbance of the peace.
- Descent of real estate. On motion of Mr. Seymour of Springfield,—
Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery consider what legislation is necessary, if any, to provide for the preservation of evidence relating to the descent of real estate.

Introduced on Leave.

By Mr. Truell of Lawrence, a Bill in relation to the sale of real estate under mortgages containing a power of sale. Power of sale mortgages.

By Mr. Seymour of Springfield, a Bill in relation to the trustee process. Trustee process.

Severally read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Papers from the Senate.

The following were referred in concurrence :

Thirteenth Annual Report of the Massachusetts Agricultural College. To the committee on Agriculture. Agricultural College.

Petition of the mayor of Lynn for authority to take Hawkes Brook to increase the water supply of said city ; and Hawkes Brook.

Petition of the town of Arlington for the right to issue additional water bonds. Arlington.

Severally to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

Memorial of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad Company for legislation concerning their rights in the Troy and Greenfield Railroad and Hoosac Tunnel. To the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel. Troy & Greenfield Railroad Co.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Military Affairs consider the expediency of so amending the militia law that educational institutions which are required by the law of the Commonwealth to give military instruction, may, upon application to the quartermaster-general, be allowed the use of tents and camp equipage under suitable restrictions. Military equipage in educational institutions.

Reports, accepted by the Senate :

Of the committee on Education, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Marshall P. Wilder, and a petition in aid of the same, for an appropriation to defray the expense of an alphabetical index of the names of persons in manuscript documents of Massachusetts ; and Manuscript documents.

Of the committee on Printing, on an Order to consider the expediency of engraving the maps accompanying the report of the State Board of Health, recommending that said maps be engraved ; Board of Health.

Were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Self-couplers on freight-cars.

A Bill requiring the use of self-couplers on freight-cars, taken from the Senate files, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Railroads.

Fourth Universalist Meeting-house.

A Bill to change the name of the Proprietors of the Fourth Universalist Meeting-house in Boston, and for other purposes, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading, under suspension of the rule requiring reference to a committee.

Duxbury.

The Senate Bill to authorize the town of Duxbury to establish a sinking fund to meet the loan made to pay for its stock in the Duxbury and Cohasset Railroad, came down with the indorsement that the Senate concurred in the House amendment, with an amendment. On motion of Mr. Pierce of Milton the rule requiring the reference of the amendment to a committee was suspended, and the Bill was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on concurring in the Senate amendment to the amendment adopted by the House.

Reports of Committees.

Educational expenses.

By Mr. Rice of Danvers, from the committee on Education, on the report of the State Board of Education, in part, a Resolve to provide for the payment from the treasury of certain educational expenses. Read and referred in course to the committee on Finance.

Museum of Comparative Zoölogy.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, no legislation necessary, on the annual report of the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy.

9th Regiment.

By Mr. King of Boston, from the committee on Military Affairs, on the petition of Captain D. J. Gorman and officers of the 9th regiment, M. V. M., for compensation for belts, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the same, and recommending its reference to the committee on Claims.

Severally read, accepted under suspension of the rule, and sent up for concurrence.

Taxes on mortgaged personal property.

By Mr. Allen of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to the securing the collection of taxes on mortgaged personal property.

Imprisonment for debt.

By Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, from the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Soldiers and

Sailors' Central Political Club, for a change in the laws relating to imprisonment for debt.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

By Mr. Nutter of East Bridgewater, from the committee Liquor law. on the Liquor Law, that the Bill (on leave) to facilitate the enforcement of the liquor law ought to pass in a new draft, entitled a Bill to authorize the seizure, destruction or sale of intoxicating liquors exposed and kept for sale contrary to the law. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Orders of the Day.

The motion of Mr. Pillsbury of Boston to reconsider the vote by which the petition of John Davis and others for a new election for representative in the Fifth Suffolk District was referred to the committee on Elections, was Orders of the day. withdrawn.

Bills :

Relating to the location of risks to be taken by mutual fire insurance companies ; and

Relating to the term of office of enginemen and other members of fire departments ; and

Resolves :

In favor of F. B. Kellogg ;

Providing for the preparation of a new catalogue of the state library ;

In favor of Abbie S. Cowles ; and

In favor of the city of Lynn ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to fix the salaries of the Insurance Commissioner, his deputy and clerks, was read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill in further addition to an Act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government during the present year, was further considered. The amendment moved by Mr. Moseley of Boston was rejected. Further amendments moved by Mr. King of Boston were adopted, and the bill as amended was ordered to a third reading.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to amending the law so that after a divorce both parties may marry again, was considered. On motion of Mr. Allen of Boston the report was amended by substituting a Bill relating to

divorce, which was read and placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

At 5.42, the House
Adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 24, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

Taxation.

By Mr. Read of Adams, petition of L. L. Burnett and 60 others; by Mr. Parker of Princeton, petition of William H. Walker and 34 others; by Mr. Bryant of Chesterfield, petitions of E. S. Burr and others, and of M. J. Smith and others; by Mr. Mayo of Warwick, petition of A. J. Clark and 286 others; and by Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, petition of John P. Putnam and 52 others,—severally for just and equal taxation.

Severally referred to the committee on Taxation of Church Property.

**Massachusetts
Family Bank.**

By Mr. Hartt of South Scituate, petition of E. Damon and others; and by Mr. Keith of Sandwich, petition of F. S. Pope and others,—severally in aid of the petition of Elizur Wright and others for incorporation as the Massachusetts Family Bank.

Severally referred to the committee on Insurance.

**Bureau of
Statistics.**

By Mr. Jones of Abington, petition of Wendell Phillips and others for the continuance of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor, and increased facilities for the same. Referred to the committee on Bureau of Statistics.

**Lunatic hos-
pitals.**

By Mr. Prouty of Spencer, petition of Samuel May and 68 others for legislation relative to the committal of persons to lunatic hospitals. Referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Danvers courts.

By Mr. Rice of Danvers, petitions of J. B. Sinclair and others, and of S. A. Putnam and others, severally for the establishment of justice and trial justice courts in Danvers.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Osgood of Salem,—

Ordered, That the committee on Railroads be authorized to report in print, with the evidence; on the investigations which the said committee have been ordered to make by the Legislature at its present session.

Railroad committee.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Gargan of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of providing that the printed and published laws and ordinances of the city of Boston may be cited in the courts of the Commonwealth without any further proof as to their authenticity than is now required as to the General Statutes.

Boston laws and ordinances.

On motion of Mr. Shattuck of Berlin,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the laws as to give to married women the same rights in relation to the disposal of property by will as are granted to other persons.

Married women.

The following Order, offered by Mr. Croak of Boston, was laid over on request of Mr. Osgood of Salem :—

Ordered, That the Railroad Commissioners be requested to report forthwith the number of free passes issued by each railroad corporation of this State for a longer term than one year, to whom, and for what consideration or purpose.

Free passes.

The following, offered by Mr. Hapgood of Boston, was laid over on request of Mr. Hale of Boston :—

Ordered, That the committee on Education inquire into the expediency of an amended orthography of the public documents hereafter to be printed, and how far such amended orthography may with propriety be adopted.

Amended orthography.

Papers from the Senate.

The following petitions were referred in concurrence :

Of the Mercantile Wharf Corporation for extension of charter ;

Mercantile Wharf Corporation.

Of the mayor of Boston for amendment of the Act relating to sealing of weights and measures ; and

Weights and measures.

Of George F. Verry and others for an Act of incorporation as the Citizens' Exchange of Worcester.

Citizens' Exchange of Worcester.

Severally to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Charles H.
Lewis.

Of Charles H. Lewis for compensation for removing shoals in Boston Harbor; and

Mary Lamb.

Of Mary Lamb of Boston for state aid.

Severally to the committee on Claims.

Woman suf-
frage.

Of Mrs. C. F. Woodman and others, and Sarah A. Hopkins and 50 others, severally for woman suffrage.

Severally to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

Agricultural
College.

Of W. S. Clark, president of the Massachusetts Agriculture College, for an appropriation in aid of the college. To the committee on Agriculture.

Eastham.

Of the selectmen of the town of Eastham for regulation of the shell-fishery in said town. To the committee on the Fisheries.

Provincetown
and Truro.

Of the selectmen and road commissioners of Provincetown for legislation authorizing the county commissioners of Barnstable County to order the construction of a causeway across Eastern Harbor Channel between Provincetown and Truro. To the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Boston—sewer.

Of the mayor of Boston for authority to take land for the construction of a sewer, and for legislation regulating the construction and maintenance of sewers by adjoining municipalities. To the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

Second District
Court of South-
ern Worcester.

The remonstrance of Paul Whiting and others against the abolition of the Second District Court for Southern Worcester, was referred in concurrence to the committee on District Courts.

Alien passen-
gers.

A Bill in relation to alien passengers, introduced on leave in the Senate, was read and referred in concurrence to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Packing of fish.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on the Fisheries consider the expediency of changing the laws relating to the packing of fish, so as to allow fish to be sold in packages of any size after the same shall have been duly inspected.

Hawkers and
peddlers.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Mercantile Affairs be requested to consider the expediency of amending chapter 50, section 20 of the General Statutes, so that hawkers and peddlers may exchange or barter the goods therein mentioned for junk, old metals, or second-hand articles generally, under their license created by this chapter.

The report of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Eugene S. Morse of Brookline to be reimbursed for the value of a horse killed by reason of abuse in the procession of June 17, 1875, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Eugene S.
Morse.

Committee Appointed.

Messrs. Mayhew of Worcester and Mayhew of Franklin having been appointed on the joint special committee on the petition of Edward Crane and associates on the part of the Senate, Messrs. Wade of Newton, Morissey of Plymouth, Webster of Boston, Hawks of Shelburne, and Cordis of Longmeadow, were appointed on the part of the House.

Edward Crane.

Mr. Kingsbury of Foxborough was appointed on the committee on Street Railways to fill a vacancy.

Kingsbury of
Foxborough.

Bills Enacted.

Engrossed bills :

Bills enacted.

Authorizing the town of Natick to raise money to pay the expenses of the funeral of the late vice-president, Henry Wilson ;

In relation to the appointment of auditors under chapter 43 of the General Statutes ;

To authorize the transfer of the Newton Free Library to the city of Newton ;

Fixing the compensation of members of the Legislature ;

Authorizing cities and towns to regulate the driving of cattle over public ways ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

To amend an Act to establish the city of Chelsea ; and

To authorize the Bay State Iron Company to increase its capital stock ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Rice of Danvers, from the committee on Education, on the report of the Board of Education, in part, a Resolve in favor of the normal schools at Salem, Westfield and Framingham.

Normal schools.

Scituate.

By Mr. Wilson of Taunton, from the same committee, on the petition of George W. Merritt for the allowance to the town of Scituate for the year 1874 of its share of the income of the school fund, a Resolve in favor of the town of Scituate.

Severally read and referred in course to the committee on Finance.

Reports of the committee on the Judiciary :

Woodlawn Cemetery.

By Mr. Hale of Boston, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the trustees of Woodlawn Cemetery for authority to sell real estate ;

Village corporations.

By Mr. Washburn of Worcester, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to authorizing the inhabitants of any village containing fifty or more houses to become a body corporate for certain purposes ;

Election days.

By Mr. Gardner of Palmer, leave to withdraw, on the petition of H. B. Blackwell and others that election days be made legal holidays ;

Election laws.

By Mr. Pierce of Milton, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Solomon Faunce and others for amendment of the election laws ; and

Reports, leave to withdraw :

Hull.

By Mr. Russell of Pittsfield, from the committee on Towns, on the petition of Lewis P. Loring and others for a change of name of the town of Hull to Nantasket ;

Lowell and Dracut.

By Mr. Mann of Randolph, from the same committee, on the petition of Warren Webster and others for a change of the boundary line between Lowell and Dracut ;

Dennis and Yarmouth.

By Mr. Merritt of Scituate, from the committee on the Fisheries, on the petition of Winthrop Sears and others for amendment of an Act to authorize the towns of Dennis and Yarmouth to regulate the fisheries in Bass River ; and

Peddlers.

By Mr. Truell of Lawrence, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on petitions of John Jennings and others, and Elijah Holmes and others, for amendment of section 13 of chapter 50 of the General Statutes, relative to unlicensed peddlers ;

Were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Coöperative associations.

By Mr. Ropes of Boston, from the committee on the Bureau of Statistics, on a petition, a Bill concerning coöperative saving, fund and loan associations.

By Mr. White of Boston, from the committee on Education, on an order, a Bill in relation to text-books in the public schools. Text-books.

By Mr. Dennis of Rockport, from the committee on the Fisheries, on a petition, a Bill to preserve the eel fisheries in Eel River in the town of Plymouth. Eel River.

By Mr. Gifford of Westport, from the committee on Harbors, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the county commissioners of the county of Barnstable to bridge Broad Nook. Broad Nook.

By Mr. Parker of Milford, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, on an order, a Bill to facilitate the assignment of dower. Dower.

By Mr. Gargan of Boston, from the same committee, on an order, a Bill to provide for the appointment of a clerk in the probate office of the county of Suffolk. Suffolk County Probate Office.

By Mr. Pierce of Milton, from the committee on the Judiciary, on an order, a Bill to authorize in certain cases the mortgage of real estate held in trust. Mortgage of real estate in trust.

By Mr. Allen of Boston, from the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relating to public urinals in the city of Boston. Boston urinals.

By Mr. Gardner of Palmer, from the same committee, that the Bill (on leave) to amend chapter 217 of the Acts of the year 1862, relating to appeals, ought to pass in a new draft, entitled a Bill relating to appeals and removals in proceedings before police, municipal and district courts. Appeals.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

By Mr. Churchill of Boston, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, that the Bill relating to state paupers ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on its rejection. State paupers.

Motion to Reconsider.

Mr. Rogers of Chelsea moved to reconsider the vote whereby the House yesterday substituted the Bill relating to divorce for the report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on the Order relative to amending the law so that after a divorce both parties may marry again. Remarrying of divorced parties.

The motion was carried, and the question recurring on the motion of Mr. Allen of Boston to amend the report by substituting the bill above named, the motion was lost, and the report was accepted.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the
day.

Reports of the committee on the Judiciary :

Leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Soldiers and Sailors' Political Club for a change in the laws relating to imprisonment for debt ; and

Inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to securing the collection of taxes on mortgaged personal property ;
Were severally accepted.

The report, leave to withdraw, of the committee on Banks and Banking, on the petition of A. A. Scott and 99 others, for a savings bank in Saugus, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Education, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Marshall P. Wilder and others, and petition in aid of the same, for an appropriation for an alphabetical index of names contained in the manuscript documents of Massachusetts, was accepted in concurrence.

Bills :

To authorize the appointment and to define the duties of a harbor-master for the port of New Bedford ; and

To change the name of the Proprietors of the Fourth Universalist Meeting-house in Boston, and for other purposes ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

Relating to the term of office of enginemen and other members of fire departments ;

In further addition to an Act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government during the present year ; and

Relating to the location of risks to be taken by mutual fire insurance companies ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Resolves :

Providing for the preparation of a new catalogue of the state library ;

In favor of Abbie S. Cowles ;

In favor of the city of Lynn ; and

In favor of Frederick B. Kellogg ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Bill to authorize the town of Duxbury to establish a sinking fund to meet the loan made to pay for its stock in the Duxbury and Cohasset Railroad Company was concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Williams of Brookline, the Bill for the relief of the Eastern Railroad Company and the securing of its debts and liabilities was discharged from its place in the orders of the day and placed first in the orders. The bill was read a third time.

Mr. Webster of Boston moved to amend by substituting a Bill relating to receivers of railroad corporations.

After an extended debate, the previous question was ordered, and the amendment moved by Mr. Webster was rejected.

On motion of the same gentleman, the yeas and nays were ordered on the main question.

Before the roll was called, Mr. Wade of Newton rose to the point of order, that Mr. Allen of Boston, being a creditor of the road, was debarred from voting under the 61st rule.

The Chair ruled that the point was not well taken, for reasons stated in his decision heretofore made. Mr. Wade appealed from the decision of the Chair, the appeal being seconded by Mr. Smith of Lexington. Pending the question of appeal, Mr. Allen rose and stated that to save delay he would decline to vote, and the appeal was withdrawn, no one objecting.

The roll being called, the bill was passed to be engrossed, by a vote of 82 yeas to 29 nays, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Atkinson, Michael.

Babson, John J.

Ballou, Monroe E.

Barry, Patrick.

Bartlett, James E. T.

Bird, Warren P.

Bryant, Orrin.

Clapp, Lafayette.

Cobb, John D.

Coburn, Edward.

Converse, Charles S.

Cook, Horace.

Cordis, Thomas F.

Curtiss, Albert W.

Danforth, Charles H.

Messrs. Doane, Freeman.

Downer, Francis E.

Evans, Alonzo H.

Fiske, Wesley L.

Foque, Theodore N.

Fuller, Charles.

Gilmore, Onslow.

Goodsell, Curtis B.

Hale, Charles.

Hall, Andrew.

Hannum, Leander M.

Hapgood, Lyman S.

Hathaway, Isaac N.

Heywood, Samuel R.

Hicks, Samuel D.

Messrs. Hill, Henry B.

Hill, John B.

Hill, Joseph W.

Holmes, Henry T.

Keith, Ambrose.

Kendall, Edward.

Kimball, Moses.

King, William S.

Kirtland, Edwin L.

Knapp, Joel.

Lawrence, Daniel W.

Lee, Henry.

Mackintosh, James.

McPherson, Eben'r M.

Mitchell, Joseph, 2d.

Morrill, George W.

Morse, William.

Noonan, Daniel.

Norton, John B.

Osgood, Charles S.

Parker, Frederick.

Parker, George G.

Paul, Joseph F.

Pierce, Edward L.

Prouty, David.

Putnam, Henry W.

Messrs. Read, Charles H.

Read, Washington.

Reed, George R.

Reynolds, Rice M.

Rice, Charles B.

Richards, Charles W.

Robinson, Wallace F.

Rogers, Charles A.

Ropes, Joseph S.

Russell, Solomon N.

Sandford, Addison.

Sawin, Samuel D.

Sleeper, Solomon S.

Small, Isaiah A.

Snow, Samuel.

Swett, Noah.

Talbot, Samuel, Jr.

Taylor, Charles A.

Tuttle, Henry G.

Wadsworth, Alexander.

Walden, Edwin.

Wellington, Austin C.

White, James.

Whitney, Edward.

Williams, Moses, Jr.

Winship, Thomas.

NAYS.

Messrs. Amsden, Edwin.

Carney, Michael.

Croak, Michael J.

Crocker, Elisha, Jr.

Fish, William W.

Gibbons, John M.

Granger, George W.

Hartt, Joseph T.

Hawks, Alanson K.

Ingalls, Ephraim A.

Keith, Monroe.

Mayo, Edward F.

Miner, Henry S.

Morse, Elijah A.

Nichols, John B.

Messrs. Pillsbury, Albert E.

Root, Joseph H.

Seymour, Stephen E.

Shattuck, Calvin W.

Smith, Newton.

Smith, Webster.

Spaulding, Mark H.

Supple, James F.

Taylor, Oliver.

Wade, Levi C.

Ward, Alanson W.

Warren, Alonzo.

Webster, David L.

Wing, Daniel.

Yeas, 82 ; nays, 29.

Sent up for concurrence.

At 6.05, the House

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, February 25, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Wade of Newton, petition of George E. Allen Massachusetts Family Bank. and others in aid of the petition of Elizur Wright and others for incorporation as the Massachusetts Family Bank. Referred to the committee on Insurance, and sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Rice of Danvers, petition of H. W. Lake and Danvers courts. others for the establishment of justice and trial justice courts in Danvers. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Orders.

Orders offered yesterday, and laid over :

Relative to an amended orthography of public documents ; and Amended orthography.

Relative to free passes issued by railroad corporations Free passes. for a longer time than one year ;

Were severally adopted.

On motion of Mr. Noonan of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on Mercantile Affairs Gas. consider what further legislation, if any, is necessary for the better protection of the rights and interests of consumers of illuminating gas in the several cities and towns of this Commonwealth.

On motion of Mr. Garity of Lowell,—

Ordered, That the committee on Federal Relations Thomas O'M. Condon. consider the expediency of adopting a resolution requesting our Senators and Representatives in Congress to endeavor to secure the pardon of Edward O'Meagher Condon, an American citizen now imprisoned in Great Britain for a political offence.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Gargan of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider Burial permits. the expediency of amending chapter 21 of the General Statutes, in relation to burial permits.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston,—

Ordered, That the Adjutant-General be requested to Muskets, etc.

report to the House the number of muskets or other arms and equipments loaned to colleges and schools; specifying when and to whom the same were loaned, by what authority, and upon what security for their return; and also whether he has since ever examined the same, and what is their present condition.

On motion of Mr. Kellogg of Pittsfield,—

Committee on
Redistricting
the State.

Ordered, That there be added to the joint committee on Redistricting the State, one Senator and two Representatives, to be appointed from the south-eastern portion of the State.

The order was at once sent up for concurrence, under suspension of the rule, and Mr. Howard of the Island District having been appointed on the part of the Senate, Messrs. Morissey of Plymouth and Mitchell of Nantucket were appointed on the part of the House.

Motion to Reconsider.

Eastern Rail-
road.

Mr. Croak of Boston moved to reconsider the vote by which the House yesterday passed to be engrossed the Bill for the relief of the Eastern Railroad Company and the securing of its debts and liabilities. The motion was lost.

Introduced on Leave.

Boston courts.

By Mr. Pierce of Milton, a Bill relating to the civil jurisdiction of the municipal courts of the city of Boston. Read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Papers from the Senate.

The following papers were referred in concurrence:

Adjutant-Gen-
eral.

Annual report of the Adjutant-General of the Commonwealth for 1875. To the committee on Military Affairs.

Taxation.

Petition of E. L. Johnson and others for just and equal taxation. To the committee on Taxation of Church Property.

Second District
Court, Southern
Worcester.

Remonstrance of Moses Taft and others against the abolition of the Second District Court for Southern Worcester. To the committee on District Courts.

Bills:

Springfield &
New London
Railroad Co.

To authorize the Springfield and New London Railroad Company to lease its railroad and make contracts for operating the same;

To discontinue a part of a public landing place in the town of Bradford; and

To authorize the Old Colony Railroad Company to build a branch railroad in Quincy;

Bradford.
Old Colony
Railroad Co.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Bills Enacted.

Engrossed bills:

Bills enacted.

In addition to an Act to regulate and limit municipal indebtedness;

In relation to the custody of the public moneys; and

Relating to the deductions from the terms of sentences of convicts in the state prison;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;) and

To extend the charter of the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy;

(Which originated in the Senate;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Stone of Waltham, from the committee on Banks and Banking, on an Order (recommitted) relative to increasing the penalty for organized bank robbery, asking to be discharged from its further consideration, and recommending that it be referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Organized bank
robbery.

Read, accepted under suspension of the rule, and sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Hawks of Shelburne, from the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of James P. Daley for state aid.

James P. Daley.

By Mr. Murphy of Worcester, from the committee on Roads and Bridges, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Wm. Richardson and others for amendment of chapter 265 of the Acts of 1874, relating to the apportionment of expense of maintaining ferries, and remonstrances against the same.

Ferries.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

By Mr. Bartlett of Essex, from the committee on Roads and Bridges, on a petition, a Bill to relieve the

Miller's River
bridge.

county of Franklin from the maintenance of a bridge near the mouth of Miller's River. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Discharged from the Orders.

Election laws.

On motion of Mr. Morissey of Plymouth, the report, leave to withdraw, of the committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of Solomon Faunce and others for amendment of the election laws, was discharged from the orders of the day, under suspension of the rule, and accepted.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

The report of the committee on Printing, on an Order, that the maps accompanying the report of the State Board of Health ought to be engraved, was accepted in concurrence.

Reports of the committee on the Judiciary :

Inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to authorizing the inhabitants of any village containing fifty or more houses to become a body corporate for certain purposes ; and

Leave to withdraw, on the petition of H. B. Blackwell and others that election days be made legal holidays ;

Were severally accepted.

Reports, leave to withdraw :

Of the committee on the Fisheries, on the petition of Winthrop Sears and others for amendment of an Act to authorize the towns of Dennis and Yarmouth to regulate the fisheries in Bass River ;

Of the committee on Towns, on the petition of Warren Webster and others for a change of the boundary line between Lowell and Dracut ; and

Of the same committee, on the petition of Lewis P. Loring and others that the name of the town of Hull may be changed to Nantasket ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill (on leave) to amend section 29 of chapter 142 of the General Statutes, concerning trustee process, was rejected, as recommended by the committee on the Judiciary.

The Bill to authorize the Pilgrim Evangelical Society in Southborough to hold real estate for parsonage pur-

poses was read a third time, and, pending the question on passing it to be engrossed, was referred to the committee on the Judiciary as recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Bills :

To preserve the eel fisheries in Eel River in the town of Plymouth ;

Relating to public urinals in the city of Boston ;

To authorize in certain cases the mortgage of real estate held in trust ; and

To authorize the county commissioners of the county of Barnstable to bridge Broad Nook ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To authorize the appointment and define the duties of a harbor-master for the port of New Bedford ; and

To change the name of the Proprietors of the Fourth Universalist Meeting-house in Boston, and for other purposes ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Bill concerning the adoption of children was read a second time and considered. Pending amendments moved by Mr. McCafferty of Worcester, the House

At 5.27, adjourned.

MONDAY, February 28, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

The returns by county treasurers of the expenses of District courts, district courts, called for by an order of the legislature, were received, referred to the committee on District Courts, and ordered to be printed.

Sent up for concurrence in the reference.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Spaulding of Northampton, petition of Azubah A. M. Bardwell, M. Bardwell for state aid.

Collin Perrin.

By Mr. White of Acushnet, petition of Collin Perrin for state aid.

Severally referred to the committee on Claims.

Wellfleet—eels.

By Mr. Swett of Wellfleet, petition of A. W. Holbrook and 19 others, and of W. C. Newcomb and 47 others, severally in aid of the petition of R. H. Libby and others in regard to the taking of eels in the waters of the town of Wellfleet. Severally referred to the committee on the Fisheries.

Teachers' associations.

By Mr. Hannum of Cambridge, petition of the president of the Middlesex County Teachers' Association for a change of the laws with reference to state aid to teachers' associations. Referred to the committee on Education.

Taxation.

By Mr. Hawks of Shelburne, petition of Levi Gardner and others for just and equal taxation. Referred to the committee on Taxation of Church Property.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Liabilities for damages on highways.

By the same gentleman, petition of Eugene Field and others for legislation limiting the liabilities of towns for damages sustained on the highway. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Truell of Lawrence,—

Lawrence fishway.

Ordered, That the committee on the Fisheries inquire whether any further legislation is necessary in order to complete the fishway in the Merrimack River at Lawrence.

On motion of the same gentleman,—

Lawrence industrial school.

Ordered, That the committee on Public Charitable Institutions consider the expediency of further legislation with reference to the powers of the trustees of the industrial school at Lawrence.

On motion of Mr. Osgood of Salem,—

Signs at railroad crossings.

Ordered, That the joint committee on Railroads consider the expediency of amending section 124 of chapter 372 of the Acts of the year 1874, in relation to signs at railroad crossings.

On motion of Mr. Putnam of Salem,—

Hearing on Boston & Albany Railroad.

Ordered, That five hundred additional copies of the report of the joint committee on Railroads, with the evidence, in the matter of the Boston and Albany investigation, be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Severally sent up for concurrence ; the last under suspension of the rule requiring its reference to the committee on Printing.

On motion of Mr. Fairbanks of Fall River,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 139 of the Acts of 1873, entitled an Act to confer a veto power on the mayors of cities. Veto power of mayors.

The following Order, offered by Mr. Gargan of Boston, was laid over at the request of Mr. Pierce of Milton :—

Ordered, That the Chief of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor obtain and publish in his next annual report the whole number of laborers in the manufacturing establishments in the Commonwealth, and designate who are total abstainers from intoxicating liquors. Habits of laborers.

Reconsideration.

On motion of Mr. Wing of Yarmouth, the vote by which the House yesterday accepted the report, leave to withdraw, of the committee on the Fisheries, on the petition of Winthrop Sears and 68 others for amendment of an Act to authorize the towns of Dennis and Yarmouth to regulate the fisheries in Bass River was reconsidered. On motion of the same gentleman, the report was recommitted to the committee on the Fisheries. Dennis and Yarmouth—Bass River.

Papers from the Senate.

The following papers were referred in concurrence :

Remonstrance of John W. Prince and 33 others against a division of the town of Dudley and the annexation of a part thereof to the town of Webster. To the committee on Towns. Dudley and Webster.

Remonstrance of H. C. Kimball and others against the abolition of the Second District Court for Southern Worcester. To the committee on District Courts. Second District Court for Southern Worcester.

Communication from the Secretary of the Board of Agriculture (taken from the files), relative to the width of rims of wheels on loaded wagons. To the committee on Agriculture. Rims of wheels.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Banks and Banking inquire into the expediency of providing that no officer or employé of a banking institution shall hold the office of a notary-public. Bank officers and notaries-public.

The following Order, adopted by the Senate, was referred to the committee on Printing:—

Committee on
Water Supply
and Drainage.

Ordered, That the committee on Water Supply and Drainage be authorized to print one thousand copies of a bill now under consideration by them, providing for a general law authorizing cities and towns to procure a supply of pure water.

Bird and dog
fighting.

A Bill to suppress exhibitions of the fighting of birds, dogs and other animals, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Solitary im-
prisonment.

A Bill relating to solitary imprisonment, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

Boylston Bank.

The House Bill to revive the Boylston Bank in the city of Boston for certain purposes came down passed to be engrossed in concurrence, with an amendment, in which the House concurred.

Bills Enacted.

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills:

To authorize the appointment and to define the duties of a harbor-master for the port of Newburyport;

To dissolve the Salem Dispensary, and to authorize the transfer of its property to the Salem Hospital;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;) and

To authorize the town of Duxbury to establish a sinking fund to meet the loan made to pay for its stock in the Duxbury & Cohasset Railroad Company;

(Which originated in the Senate;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

Old Colony
Wharf Co.

By Mr. Stacey of Boston, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Henry W. Fuller for the passage of an Act to amend the charter of the Old Colony Wharf Company.

Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mass. School
for Idiotic and
Feeble-minded
Youth.

By Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the committee on Finance, on the Resolve in favor of the Massachusetts School for Idiotic and Feeble-minded Youth, asking to be

discharged from its further consideration, and recommending that it be recommitted to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

By Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, from the committee on the Town halls. Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition of E. W. Tolman and others for an Act to authorize towns to take land for town halls.

Severally read and accepted under suspension of the rule.

Reports of the committee on the Judiciary :

By Mr. Pierce of Milton, on the petition of the mayor and aldermen of Newton for the establishment of a district court in the southern part of Middlesex County, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the same, and recommending that it be referred to the committee on District Courts; District Court for Southern Middlesex.

By Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, on the petitions of H. W. Lake and others, S. A. Putnam and others, and J. B. Sinclair and others, severally for the establishment of justice and trial justice courts in Danvers, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the same, and recommending that they be referred to the committee on District Courts; and Danvers courts.

By the same gentleman, on an Order relative to amending section 6 of chapter 304 of the Acts of 1870, in relation to the selling of game, asking to be discharged from its further consideration, and recommending that it be referred to the committee on Agriculture; Marketing game.

Were severally read, accepted under suspension of the rule, the several matters referred as recommended, and sent up for concurrence in the reference.

By Mr. Nichols of Haverhill, from the committee on Finance, that the Resolve in favor of the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary ought to pass. Mass. Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, that the Resolve in favor of William P. Gilmore ought to pass. Wm. P. Gilmore.

By Mr. Converse of Woburn, from the same committee, that the Resolve in favor of Mary Luddy ought to pass. Mary Luddy.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

By Mr. Breed of Lynn, from the same committee, that the Bill in relation to expenditures by the agent for discharged convicts ought to pass in a new draft. Discharged convicts.

Receivers of
insurance com-
panies.

By Mr. Washburn of Worcester, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the annual report of the Attorney-General, a Bill relating to receivers of insurance companies.

Corporation
taxes.

By Mr. Hale of Boston, from the same committee, on the same, a Bill fixing the rate of interest on unpaid taxes of corporations.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the
day.

The report, leave to withdraw, of the committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of the trustees of Woodlawn Cemetery for authority to sell real estate was accepted.

The report, leave to withdraw, of the committee on Roads and Bridges, on the petition of William Richardson and others for amendment of chapter 265 of the Acts of 1874, relating to apportionment of expense of maintaining ferries, and remonstrances against the same, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To discontinue a part of a public landing-place in the town of Bradford ;

To authorize the Old Colony Railroad Company to build a branch railroad in Quincy ;

To relieve the county of Franklin from the maintenance of a bridge near the mouth of Miller's River ;

To change the name of the Shelburne Falls Five Cents Savings Bank ; and

Relating to appeals and removals in proceedings before police, municipal and district courts ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill concerning the adoption of children was further considered. Pending amendments moved by Mr. McCafferty of Worcester were lost. Amendments moved by Mr. Gargan of Boston were adopted, and the bill as amended was ordered to a third reading.

The Bill authorizing improvements at the state prison, and for other purposes, was read and considered. On motion of Mr. Moseley of Boston, its further consideration was postponed until to-morrow, pending the question on ordering it to a third reading.

Bills :

To authorize in certain cases the mortgage of real estate held in trust ;

To authorize the county commissioners of the county of Barnstable to bridge Broad Nook ;

Relating to public urinals in the city of Boston ; and

To preserve the eel fisheries in Eel River in the town of Plymouth ;

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Subsequently, the orders of the day having been laid on the table, Mr. Williams of Brookline moved to reconsider the vote whereby the Bill relating to public urinals in the city of Boston was passed to be engrossed. The motion, being then considered under suspension of the rule, prevailed, the bill was amended on motion of the same gentleman, passed to be engrossed as amended, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to incorporate the Fidelity Assurance Company was read, and, pending the question on ordering it to a third reading, the House,

At 5.33, adjourned.

TUESDAY, February 29, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

A communication was received from the Adjutant-General of the Commonwealth, in response to an Order of the House, giving a schedule of arms and equipments belonging to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts issued to cities, towns and educational institutions. Referred to the committee on Military Affairs, ordered to be printed, and sent up for concurrence in the reference.

Arms and equipments loaned to schools, &c.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Shattuck of Colrain, petition of A. H. Temple ^{Taxation.} and 60 others ; by Mr. Miner of Phillipston, petition of J. W. Hager and others ; and by Mr. Woodward of Dunstable, petition of T. H. Parkhurst and others,—severally for just and equal taxation.

By Mr. Kimball of Boston, petitions of George J. L. ^{Cemeteries.} Colby, that cemeteries in certain cases may be taxed.

Severally referred to the committee on Taxation of Church Property.

Union Freight
Railway Co.

By Mr. Moseley of Boston, remonstrance of Foster, Swazey & Co. and 46 others against the granting of the petitions of the Old Colony and Boston and Providence railroad companies for leave to hold stock in the Union Freight Railway Company. Referred to the committee on Railroads.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Fifth Suffolk
District.

By Mr. Pew of Gloucester, remonstrance of George F. Gay and others against a new election in the Fifth Suffolk District. Referred to the committee on Elections.

First Religious
Society in Rox-
bury.

By Mr. Ropes of Boston, petition of the standing committee of the First Religious Society in Roxbury for legislation to enable said society to raise money by a tax on the pews. Under the 20th joint rule, this petition was referred to the next General Court.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Coggsball of Fitchburg,—

Savings banks.

Ordered, That the committee on Banks and Banking inquire what further legislation is necessary for the purpose of just and equal taxation, so that deposits in savings banks which amount to over five hundred dollars shall bear their just burden for the support of the towns and cities of this Commonwealth.

On motion of Mr. Allen of Boston,—

Savings banks
and trust com-
panies.

Ordered, That the committee on Banks and Banking consider the propriety of enacting a general law regulating companies known as trust companies; and also examine the existing laws in regard to the taxation of trust companies known as savings banks, and into all other trust companies, by whatever name, and report as to the expediency of further legislation for the purpose of equalizing taxation on deposits held by these corporations.

On motion of Mr. Hale of Boston,—

Powers of reli-
gious societies
as to taxation.

Ordered, That the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies consider the expediency of providing by law that religious societies, incorporated by special charters, shall have the same powers with reference to taxation as are possessed by religious societies in general, under chapter 30 of the General Statutes and Acts in amendment thereof.

On motion of Mr. Osgood of Salem,—

Ordered, That the committee on Railroads consider the expediency of amending chapter 231 of the Acts of the year 1875, so that one of the railroad commissioners shall be appointed in each case on the special commission therein provided for. Railroad commissioners.

On motion of Mr. Kendall of Cambridge,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Liquor Law be instructed to obtain from the state assayer a record of the analyses made by him of samples of liquor pursuant to the provisions of chapter 99 of the Acts of 1875, and report the same,—said record to contain the names and business location of the dealers from whom the samples were taken, and the results of the analysis in each case; and that the committee inquire what changes, if any, are necessary to make effective the provisions of law in relation to the sale of impure liquors, and report by bill or otherwise. Analysis of liquors.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Pierce of Milton,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire as to the expediency of a law or resolve making a better provision for the filing and preservation of the papers of the two branches after the adjournment of the Legislature. Filing and custody of legislative papers.

On motion of the same gentleman,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of legislation requiring cities and towns which have subscribed for the stock and securities of railroad corporations to provide for the payment of debts incurred in such subscription by sinking funds and otherwise. Town subscriptions for railroad stock.

On motion of Mr. Gardner of Palmer,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of a law making and defining uniform costs in police, district and municipal courts, and extending the jurisdiction of such courts. Police, municipal and district courts.

On motion of the same gentleman,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 140 of the General Statutes, relating to mortgages of real estate. Mortgages of real estate.

On motion of Mr. Hawkes of Lynn,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider Poor convicts.

the expediency of legislation in relation to the support of poor convicts.

On motion of Mr. Smith of Boston,—

Title to real estate.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending section 49 of chapter 134 of the General Statutes, relating to proceedings to quiet title to real estate.

On motion of Mr. Coggeshall of Fitchburg,—

Claims for damages on highways and sidewalks.

Ordered, That the Judiciary committee consider the expediency of compelling by law persons who meet with accidents from defects in highways or sidewalks in towns or cities of this Commonwealth to give notice to the chairman of the selectmen of said town or the mayor of any city in which such accident occurs, within forty-eight hours from the time of such accident; and if not given within said time, all claims for damages shall be void.

On motion of Mr. Pierce of Milton,—

Harbor Commissioners and Back Bay Commissioners.

Ordered, That the Auditor be directed to communicate to the House the amounts paid during each of the last five years to or on account of the Harbor Commissioners and Back Bay Commissioners. Also, a statement of the amount paid for, or in connection with, the building of the sea-wall and the filling of flats at South Boston, and all expenses connected therewith.

Habits of laborers.

The Order offered yesterday by Mr. Gargan of Boston, and laid over, relative to statistics with reference to the use of intoxicating liquors by laborers, was laid upon the table, on motion of Mr. Morse of Canton.

Papers from the Senate.

Reports of the committee on Claims, severally accepted by the Senate :

Philip D. Minot.

Leave to withdraw, on the petition of Philip D. Minot for state aid ; and

Jane Parks.

Reference to the next General Court on the petition of Jane Parks for continuation of state aid ;

Were read and placed in the orders of the day for tomorrow.

Museum of Comparative Zoölogy.

A Bill concerning the Trustees of the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Pierce of Milton, from the committee on the Chief detective.
Judiciary, no legislation necessary on the annual report of
the Chief Detective of the Commonwealth.

Read, and accepted under a suspension of the rule.

By Mr. Clapp of Easthampton, from the committee on Boston school
committee.
Education, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to
amending chapter 241 of the Acts of 1875, concerning
the school committee of the city of Boston.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, Expenditure of
money by school
committees.
inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to the expend-
iture of money by school committees for salaries of
teachers.

Reports of the committee on the Judiciary :

By Mr. Smith of Boston, leave to withdraw on the Nathaniel
Hinckley.
memorial of Nathaniel Hinckley for redress of grievances
and more prompt remedies in suits at law.

By the same gentleman, inexpedient to legislate, on an Assignment of
wages.
Order relative to the passage of a law preventing the
assignment of wages.

By Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, inexpedient to legislate, on Children at
railway stations.
an Order relative to preventing children from unnecessarily
getting on and off cars at railway stations.

By Mr. Pierce of Milton, inexpedient to legislate, on an Municipal in-
debtedness.
Order relative to amending chapter 209 of the Acts of
1875, relating to municipal indebtedness.

By Mr. Hale of Boston, inexpedient to legislate, on an Taxation of per-
sonal property.
Order relative to securing a more complete taxation of per-
sonal property existing in cities and towns where it is not
taxable.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for
to-morrow.

By Mr. Holley of Edgartown, from the committee on Hummock
Pond.
the Fisheries, on a petition relative to Hummock Pond, a
Bill to amend chapter 180 of the Acts of the year 1875,
prohibiting the seining of fish in the ponds on the island
of Nantucket.

By Mr. Washburn of Worcester, from the committee Mortgage of real
estate by execu-
tors et als.
on the Judiciary, on an order, a Bill to authorize, in
certain cases, the mortgage of real estate held by executors
and others.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Lawrence
water supply.

By Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Bill (on leave) in addition to an Act to supply the city of Lawrence with water ought to pass.

Connecticut and
Merrimack
rivers.

By Mr. McPherson of Boston, from the committee on the Fisheries, that the Bill (on leave) concerning the obstructions to the passage of fish in the tributaries of the Connecticut and Merrimack rivers ought to pass.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

Taken from the Table.

Metric system.

On motion of Mr. Rice of Danvers, the Resolution in favor of the introduction of the metric system of weights and measures was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Discharged from the Orders.

Coöperative
saving, fund and
loan associa-
tions.

On motion of Mr. Ropes of Boston, the Bill concerning coöperative saving, fund and loan associations was discharged from the orders of the day, amended, and ordered to be printed as amended, on motion of the same gentleman, and on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston was restored to its place in the orders of the day.

Orders of the Day.

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day.

Reports, leave to withdraw :

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on the petition of Henry W. Fuller for the passage of an Act to amend the charter of the Old Colony Wharf Company ; and

Of the committee on Claims, on the petition of James P. Daley for state aid ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Resolves :

In favor of Mary Luddy ;

In favor of William P. Gilmore ; and

In favor of the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary ; and

Bills :

To facilitate the assignment of dower ;

In relation to expenditures by the agent for discharged convicts ;

Fixing the rate of interest on unpaid taxes of corporations ; and

Relating to receivers of insurance companies ;
Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To discontinue a part of a public landing-place in the town of Bradford ; and

To authorize the Old Colony Railroad Company to build a branch railroad in Quincy ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bills :

To relieve the county of Franklin from the maintenance of a bridge near the mouth of Miller's River ; and

To change the name of the Shelburne Falls Five Cents Savings Bank ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bills to incorporate the Fidelity Assurance Company was further considered. Amendments moved by Mr. Pillsbury of Boston were adopted, and the bill was then rejected.

Subsequently, Mr. Paul of Boston moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was refused a third reading, and the motion was placed first in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

The Bill authorizing improvements at the state prison, and for other purposes, was considered. Mr. Pierce of Milton moved to amend. Mr. Kimball of Boston moved to recommit to the committee on Prisons, with instructions to consider and report a bill providing for the construction of a reformatory prison, capable of accommodating from 250 to 400 prisoners, upon the site at Concord, and for the necessary repairs and improvements at the prison at Charlestown.

Pending these motions, the main question being on ordering the bill to a third reading, the House

At 6.02, adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, March 1, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Harbor Commissioners and Commissioners on Public Lands.

A statement of the amounts paid during each of the last five years to or on account of the Harbor Commissioners and the Commissioners on Public Lands, and also of the amount expended in connection with improvements in Boston Harbor, was received from the Auditor in response to an Order of the House. On motion of Mr. Loud of Winchendon, the statement was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Petitions Presented.

Mary Monahan.

By Mr. Hartt of South Scituate, petition of S. H. Vinal and others in aid of the petition of Mary Monahan for state aid. Referred to the committee on Claims.

Taxation.

By Mr. Bartlett of Essex, petition of Elias Andrews and others for just and equal taxation. Referred to the committee on Taxation of Church Property.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Allen of Boston,—

Banks.

Ordered, That the committee on Banks and Banking inquire what legislation, if any, is necessary to enable parties to organize banks or do a banking business under the laws of this Commonwealth.

On motion of Mr. Knowlton of New Bedford,—

Life insurance policies.

Ordered, That the committee on Insurance consider the expediency of providing by law that holders of life insurance policies may, after the issuing thereof, direct that the same be payable to other than the person originally named in the policy.

On motion of Mr. Croak of Boston,—

Eastern Railroad.

Ordered, That the Railroad committee be requested to inquire whether the president of the Eastern Railroad Corporation has complied with the vote of its stockholders passed at its annual meeting, February 7, 1876, instructing said president to appoint a committee to investigate the affairs of said corporation; and authority is hereby given to send for persons and papers.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Knowlton of New Bedford,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the attachment of the defendant's property, in civil suits, by special leave of court, after the institution of the suit. Attachments in civil suits.

On motion of the same gentleman,—

Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery be instructed to inquire and report, by bill or otherwise, whether judges of probate should have power, in addition to that now possessed by them, to refer to special masters the examination and settlement of complicated accounts. Complicated accounts.

The following Order, offered by the same gentleman, was laid over at the request of Mr. Pierce of Milton:—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of abolishing capital punishment in this Commonwealth, by substituting therefor imprisonment for life. Capital punishment.

Introduced on Leave.

By Mr. Paul of Boston, a Bill to provide for the disposition of the assets of savings banks, when they shall be insufficient to meet the liabilities. Read and referred to the committee on Banks and Banking. Savings banks.

By Mr. Dean of Berkley, a Resolution concerning compulsory pilotage. Read and referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. Pilotage.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

The following papers were referred in concurrence:

Petition of Rev. Dr. D. Sherman and 53 other Methodist clergymen, and of L. K. Hawes and 315 others, severally for repeal of the license law. Severally to the committee on the Liquor Law. License law.

Remonstrance of Lyman Payne and others, and of Caleb Thayer and others, severally against the abolition of the Second District Court for Southern Worcester. Severally to the committee on District Courts. Second District Court, Southern Worcester.

Resolutions of the Boston Board of Trade respecting proposed capitation tax upon immigrants. To the committee on Public Charitable Institutions. Capitation tax.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Agriculture inquire what legislation is necessary in relation to the inspection of meats and animals designed for food. Inspection of meats, etc.

Attorney-General.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the Attorney-General be requested to attend in behalf of the Commonwealth the hearings before the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel in regard to the memorial of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad Company.

E. H. Scribner.

The report of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw on the petition of Eben H. Scribner, guardian of Etta B. and Marian G. Starbird, for state aid, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Attorneys-at-law.

A Bill concerning the admission of persons to practice as attorneys-at-law, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Children.

A Bill relating to the employment of children, and regulations respecting them, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

Bills Enacted.

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills :

To authorize the Newburyport Society for the Relief of Aged Females to hold additional real and personal estate ;

To amend chapter 372 of the Acts of the year 1874, in relation to the uniform of certain employes of railroad corporations ;

To authorize the city of Newton to issue additional water scrip ;

To revive the Boylston Bank, in the city of Boston, for certain purposes ; and

To preserve the eel fisheries in Jones River in the town of Kingston ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

Fire patrols.

By Mr. Knowlton of New Bedford, from the committee on Insurance, on petition of Lewis H. Bradford and others, for legislation authorizing cities and towns to establish fire patrols, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the same, and recommending that it be referred to the committee on Towns.

Accepted under suspension of the rules, and sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Wade of Newton, from the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures, on an Order, asking to be discharged from further consideration of so much of the same as relates to salaries, etc., paid under direction of the Board of Agriculture, and recommending the adoption of the following Order :—

Ordered, That the committee on Agriculture consider and report what legislation; if any, is necessary in relation to the salaries and other expenditures paid under the direction of the Board of Agriculture. Board of Agriculture.

Accepted, under suspension of the rule, and the order adopted and sent up for concurrence.

Orders of the Day.

The motion of Mr. Paul of Boston to reconsider the vote by which the House yesterday refused to order to a third reading the Bill to incorporate the Fidelity Assurance Company was lost. Orders of the day.

Reports of the committee on the Judiciary :

Inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to amendment of chapter 209 of the Acts of 1875, so far as relates to the sinking fund therein required ; and

Leave to withdraw, on the memorial of Nathaniel Hinckley for redress of grievances and more prompt remedies in suits at law ;

Were severally accepted.

Reports of the committee on Education, inexpedient to legislate :

On an Order relative to the expenditure of money for salaries of teachers by school committees ; and

On an Order relative to amending chapter 241 of the Acts of 1875, relating to the school committee of the city of Boston ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Reports of the committee on Claims :

Leave to withdraw, on the petition of Philip D. Minot for state aid ; and

Reference to next General Court on the petition of Jane Parks for continuation of state aid ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

The Bill (on leave) giving livery and feeding stable keepers a lien upon horses, mules and other animals for

charges of boarding and keeping the same was rejected, as recommended by the committee on the Judiciary.

The Senate Bill to incorporate the Boston Sugar Warehousing Company was read, and laid on the table, on motion of Mr. Kirtland of Holyoke, the question being on passing it to be engrossed.

Bills :

To regulate costs upon motions for new trial ;

To authorize the Springfield and New London Railroad Company to lease its railroad, and make contracts for operating the same ;

To amend chapter 180 of the Acts of the year 1875, prohibiting the seining of fish in the ponds on the island of Nantucket ;

Concerning the obstructions to the passage of fish in the tributaries of the Connecticut and Merrimack rivers ; and

Concerning the Trustees of the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy ; and

Resolves :

In favor of John McGrath (amended on motion of Mr. Moseley of Boston) ; and

In favor of the town of Bellingham (amended, including an amendment to the title, on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston) ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

Relating to appeals and removals in proceedings before police, municipal and district courts ;

Fixing the rate of interest on unpaid taxes of corporations ; and

Relating to receivers of insurance companies ; and

Resolves :

In favor of Mary Luddy ;

In favor of William P. Gilmore ; and

In favor of the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill authorizing improvements at the state prison, and for other purposes, was further considered. The pending amendment moved by Mr. Pierce of Milton was adopted. The motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston to

recommit with instructions, was amended on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston by striking out the instructions, and then rejected. On motion of Mr. Smith of Lexington, it was voted that the debate be closed at 4 o'clock, unless the vote should be sooner reached, and on motion of the same gentleman the yeas and nays were ordered on the main question, and the bill was refused a third reading by a vote of 89 yeas to 98 nays, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Abbe, James.

Adams, Ebenezer.
Atkinson, Michael.
Ayer, Edwin.
Babson, John J.
Ballou, Monroe E.
Barry, Patrick.
Bowen, Francis C.
Bradley, Osgood, Jr.
Bugbee, Francis.
Burr, Isaac T.
Clark, John P.
Cobb, John D.
Converse, Charles S.
Cook, Horace.
Cook, John H.
Cordis, Thomas F.
Croak, Michael J.
Crocker, Elisha, Jr.
Daniels, George F.
Dean, Dallas J.
Dennis, Henry, Jr.
Doane, Freeman.
Downer, Francis E.
Freeto, John.
Fuller, Charles.
Gardner, Charles L.
Gifford, Benjamin.
Gleason, Samuel S.
Hale, Charles.
Hall, Andrew.
Hannum, Leander M.
Hapgood, Lyman S.
Hawks, Alanson K.
Heywood, Samuel R.
Hill, John B.
Hitchings, Otis M.
Holmes, Henry T.

Messrs. Jenks, Thomas L.

Kellogg, Ensign H.
Kendall, Edward.
Kimball, Ensign.
Kimball, Moses.
Kingsbury, Joseph A.
Lawrence, Daniel W.
Mann, Seth, 2d.
McCafferty, Matthew J.
McPherson, Eben'r M.
Merritt, George W.
Mitchell, Joseph, 2d.
Morrill, George W.
Murphy, Jeremiah.
Nichols, John B.
Noble, Reuben.
Nutter, Isaac N.
Osborn, Weaver.
Partridge, David A.
Perry, George R.
Pew, Charles H., 2d.
Pierce, Edward L.
Pillsbury, Albert E.
Preston, David A.
Reynolds, Rice M.
Rice, Charles B.
Richards, Charles W.
Ropes, Joseph S.
Russell, Solomon N.
Rust, Nathaniel J.
Sawyer, Ebenezer.
Sawyer, Enoch.
Searle, John F.
Seymour, Stephen E.
Sherman, Elon.
Smith, Andrew.
Spaulding, Mark H.
Stacey, Benjamin F.

Messrs. Stevens, James T.
 Stone, Frederick M.
 Sullivan, Michael.
 Taylor, Oliver.
 Truell, Byron.
 Tuttle, Henry G.
 Wadsworth, Alexander.

Messrs. Washburn, John D.
 Webster, David L.
 White, Benjamin.
 White, James.
 Williams, Moses, Jr.
 Wilson, John G.

NAYS.

Messrs. Alley, William A.
 Amsden, Edwin.
 Appell, J. Franklin.
 Bartlett, Daniel W.
 Bartlett, James E. T.
 Batchelor, Benjamin S.
 Bird, Warren A.
 Breed, Amos F.
 Brownell, Lysander N.
 Bryant, Orrin.
 Buckminster, Joseph.
 Churchill, Gardner A.
 Clapp, Frederick W.
 Clapp, Lafayette.
 Coburn, Edward.
 Coggshall, Henry F.
 Curtiss, Albert W.
 Danforth, Charles H.
 Dean, Herbert A.
 Estabrook, Adin C.
 Evans, Alonzo H.
 Fairbanks, George O.
 Fish, William W.
 Fisk, Luther.
 Foque, Theodore N.
 Garity, Thomas R.
 Gilmore, Onslow.
 Goodsell, Curtis B.
 Granger, George W.
 Hartwell, James D.
 Haskell, George.
 Hathaway, Frederick.
 Hawkes, Nathan M.
 Hill, Henry B.
 Hill, Joseph W.
 Hoffman, Ira W.
 Holley, Richard.
 Howe, George F.
 Hunt, Jonas S.
 Huse, Caleb B.

Messrs. Ingalls, Ephraim A.
 Keith, Ambrose.
 Keith, Monroe.
 Keith, Ziba C.
 King, William S.
 Kirtland, Edwin L.
 Knowlton, Henry C.
 Knowlton, Hosea M.
 Longley, Samuel.
 Loud, Charles A.
 Mackintosh, James.
 March, Andrus.
 Mayo, Edward F.
 Merritt, Christopher C.
 Miner, Henry S.
 Morse, William.
 Moseley, Frederick P.
 Murphy, John J.
 Nelson, Sherman.
 Noonan, Daniel.
 Nourse, B. Alden.
 Owen, Harvey M.
 Parker, Frederick.
 Parker, George G.
 Phinney, Stephen C.
 Pope, Charles G.
 Prouty, David.
 Putnam, Henry W.
 Read, Charles H.
 Read, Washington.
 Reed, George R.
 Richmond, Jonathan C.
 Robinson, Wallace F.
 Rogers, Charles A.
 Root, Joseph H.
 Shattuck, Calvin W.
 Slade, Albion K.
 Sleeper, Solomon S.
 Small, Isaiah A.
 Smith, Newton.

Messrs. Smith, Webster.	Messrs. Wetherbee, John.
Southwick, John R.	Wetherell, John W.
Swett, Jackson B.	Whicher, John D.
Talbot, Samuel, Jr.	White, Joseph W.
Taylor, Charles A.	Wilson, George C.
Van Deusen, William I.	Winship, Thomas.
Walden, Edwin.	Wood, Eliphaz H.
Wallace, William S.	Woods, William.
Watts, William.	Woodward, James C.

Yeas, 89 ; nays, 98.

The Bill to authorize the seizure, destruction or sale of intoxicating liquors exposed and kept for sale contrary to law was read, and its consideration was postponed until to-morrow, on motion of Mr. Seymour of Springfield, the question being on ordering to a third reading.

At 5.30, adjourned.

THURSDAY, March 2, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Snow of Barnstable, petition of H. A. Scudder and others in aid of the petition of O. D. Lovell and others for leave to cut a channel between South Bay and Vineyard Sound, in Barnstable; and remonstrance of Thomas Chatfield and others against the same. Severally referred to the committee on Harbors.

South Bay and
Vineyard
Sound.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Ropes of Boston, petition of C. Willard Carter and 150 others, in aid of the petition of Josiah Quincy for a general law authorizing the formation of mutual saving fund, loan and building associations. Placed on file.

Coöperative
associations.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. King of Boston,—

Ordered, That until otherwise ordered, the sessions of the House shall commence at half-past one o'clock in the afternoon, except on Saturdays.

Hour of meet-
ing.

Saturday sessions.

On motion of Mr. Washburn of Worcester,—

Ordered, That on Saturday, March 4, and on every succeeding Saturday until otherwise ordered, the House meet at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Loud of Winchendon,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns on Saturday, March 4, it be to meet on the following Tuesday.

Boston & Albany Railroad investigation.

On motion of the same gentleman,—

Ordered, That the evidence in the investigation of the matters of the Boston and Albany Railroad by the committee on Railroads, which has been ordered to be printed, be filed each day for the use of the members of the House.

Abolition of capital punishment.

The Order offered yesterday by Mr. Knowlton of New Bedford, and laid over, relative to the abolition of capital punishment, was laid on the table on motion of Mr. Pierce of Milton.

Papers from the Senate.

Second District Court of Southern Worcester.

The remonstrances of E. Moore and others, and C. A. Wheelock and others, severally against the abolition of the Second District Court of Southern Worcester, were referred in concurrence to the committee on District Courts.

Safe deposit and trust companies.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Banks and Banking consider the expediency of legislation granting to other similar corporations the same powers granted to the Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company.

Street railways.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Street Railways consider the expediency of amending section 7 of chapter 381 of the Acts of 1871, by inserting in the fifth line of section 7, after the words "capital stock fixed," the words "but not paid in."

Capital stock of corporations.

The report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to the paying in of the capital stock of corporations, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Town subscriptions to railroad stock.

A Bill in relation to town and cities subscribing to the stock and securities of railroad corporations, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

Free passes.

Notice was received from the Senate of the rejection by that branch of the House Order relative to free passes issued by railroads for a longer term than one year.

Bills Enacted.

Engrossed bills :

Bills enacted.

To authorize the appointment and to define the duties of a harbor-master for the port of New Bedford ; and

To change the name of the Proprietors of the Fourth Universalist Meeting-house in Boston, and for other purposes ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Croak of Boston, from the committee on Claims, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of the Greenville Manufacturing Company. Read and referred in course to the committee on Finance. Greenville Manufacturing Co.

By Mr. Miner of Phillipston, from the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Daniel Donehue for state aid. Daniel Donehue.

By Mr. Buckminster of New Bedford, from the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Peter Dooley for pay as a second lieutenant and recruiting officer. Peter Dooley.

By Mr. Kendall of Cambridge, from the committee on Harbors, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to abolishing the Board of Commissioners on Public Lands, the State Board of Agents for the sale of the Commonwealth's Flats at South Boston, and the Board of Harbor Commissioners. Harbor Commission, Commissioners on Public Lands, and Agents on Flats.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

By Mr. Foque of Malden, from the committee appointed to present the thanks of the House to the Rev. S. W. Foljambe, of Malden, and to request a copy of the election sermon for publication, with the manuscript of said sermon, and recommending the adoption of an Order providing that 2,000 copies be printed. Accepted under suspension of the rule, and the order amended by making the number 1,000, and adopted under suspension of the rule requiring reference to the committee on Printing. Sent up for concurrence in suspension of the rule. Election sermon.

By Mr. Truell of Lawrence, from the committee on Bureau of Statistics, on two joint orders and the Gov- Bureau of Statistics.

ernor's address, a Resolve in relation to the Bureau of Statistics on the subject of labor.

Sales of land on execution.

By Mr. Allen of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, on an order, a Bill to amend chapter 103 of the General Statutes and chapter 188 of the Acts of the year 1874, relating to sales of land on execution.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Cultivation of useful fishes.

By Mr. Dennis of Rockport, from the committee on the Fisheries, that the Bill (taken from the files) to authorize the Commissioners on Inland Fisheries to occupy great ponds for the cultivation and distribution of useful fishes, ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

Taken from the Table.

Habits of laborers.

The Order offered by Mr. Gargan of Boston, relative to statistics with reference to the use of intoxicating liquors by laborers, was taken from the table on motion of Mr. Pierce of Milton, and indefinitely postponed on motion of Mr. Gardner of Palmer.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

The consideration of the report, inexpedient to legislate, of the committee on the Judiciary, on an Order relative to more complete taxation of personal property existing in cities and towns where it is not taxable, was postponed until to-morrow on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston.

Reports of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate :

On an Order relative to legislation to prevent the assignment of wages ; and

On an Order relative to preventing children from getting on and off cars at railway stations ;

Were severally accepted.

Reports of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw :

On the petition of Eugene S. Morse to be reimbursed for the value of a horse killed by reason of abuse in the procession of June 17, 1875 ; and

On the petition of Eben H. Scribner, guardian of Etta B. and Marian G. Starbird, for state aid ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

The report, leave to withdraw, of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on the petitions of John Jennings and 203 others, and Elijah Holmes and others, severally for amendment of section 13 of chapter 50 of the General Statutes, relative to unlicensed peddlers, was recommitted to the committee, on motion of Mr. Bird of Natick.

The Bill relating to state paupers was rejected, as recommended by the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Question of Privilege.

Mr. Clapp of Framingham rose to a question of privilege, that the member from Boston, Mr. Kimball, in debate yesterday on the Bill authorizing improvements at the state prison, and for other purposes, had suggested that money had been used to influence the action of the House. After a statement from Mr. Kimball, no further action having been taken in the matter, the consideration of the orders of the day was resumed.

State prison bill.

Motion to Reconsider.

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. Clapp of Framingham, the orders of the day were laid on the table, and the same gentleman moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the House yesterday refused to order the Bill above named to a third reading, and, on motion of the same gentleman, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Orders of the Day Resumed.

The Bill to provide for the appointment of a clerk in the probate office of the county of Suffolk was read a second time, amended on motion of Mr. Allen of Boston, and referred to the committee on Finance, it appearing that the bill involved the expenditure of the public money.

Orders of the day resumed.

The consideration of the Bill concerning coöperative saving, fund and loan associations was postponed until to-morrow on motion of Mr. Washburn of Worcester, the question being on ordering to a third reading.

The Bill to authorize the seizure, destruction or sale of intoxicating liquors exposed and kept for sale contrary to law, was further considered. Amendments moved by Messrs. Merritt of Springfield and Kellogg of Pittsfield were adopted, and the yeas and nays being ordered on motion of Mr. McCafferty of Worcester, the bill was

ordered to a third reading by a vote of 161 yeas to 29 nays, as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. Abbe, James.

Allen, Stillman B.
Alley, William A.
Atkinson, Michael.
Babson, John J.
Ballou, Monroe E.
Bartlett, Daniel W.
Bartlett, James E. T.
Batchelor, Benjamin S.
Bird, Warren A.
Bird, Warren P.
Bowen, Francis C.
Breed, Amos F.
Brownell, Lysander N.
Buckminster, Joseph.
Burr, Isaac T.
Churchill, Gardner A.
Clark, John P.
Cobb, John D.
Coburn, Edward.
Converse, Charles S.
Cook, Horace.
Crocker, Elisha, Jr.
Danforth, Charles H.
Daniels, George F.
Dean, Dallas J.
Dean, Herbert A.
Dennis, Henry, Jr.
Doane, Freeman.
Downer, Francis E.
Estabrook, Adin C.
Evans, Alonzo H.
Fairbanks, George O.
Fisk, Luther.
Fiske, Wesley L.
Foque, Theodore N.
Fuller, Charles.
Gardner, Charles L.
Gibbons, John M.
Gifford, Benjamin.
Gilmore, Onslow.
Gleason, Samuel S.
Goodsell, Curtis B.
Hale, Charles.
Hall, Andrew.

Messrs. Hannum, Leander M.

Hathaway, Frederick.
Hawks, Alanson K.
Heywood, Samuel R.
Hill, Henry B.
Hill, John B.
Hill, Joseph W.
Hitchings, Otis M.
Holley, Richard.
Holmes, Henry T.
Howe, Geo. F.
Howland, Weston.
Jones, Jesse H.
Keith, Ambrose.
Keith, Isaac N.
Keith, Monroe.
Keith, Ziba C.
Kellogg, Ensign H.
Kendall, Edward.
Kimball, Ensign.
Kimball, Moses.
King, William S.
Kirtland, Edwin L.
Knapp, Joel.
Knowles, John.
Knowlton, Henry C.
Lawrence, Daniel W.
Lindsey, Nathaniel E.
Longley, Samuel.
Loud, Charles A.
Mackintosh, James.
March, Andrus.
Mayo, Edward F.
McPherson, Eben. M.
Merritt, Christopher C.
Miner, Henry S.
Mitchell, Joseph, 2d.
Morse, Elijah A.
Morse, William.
Moseley, Frederick P.
Nelson, Sherman.
Noble, Reuben.
Noonan, Daniel.
Norton, John B.
Nourse, B. Alden.

Messrs. Nutter, Isaac N.
Osborn, Weaver.
Osgood, Charles S.
Owen, Harvey M.
Parker, Frederick.
Partridge, David A.
Paul, Joseph F.
Perry, George R.
Pew, Charles H., 2d.
Phinney, Stephen C.
Pierce, Edward L.
Pillabury, Albert E.
Pope, Charles G.
Preston, David A.
Prouty, David.
Read, Charles H.
Read, Washington.
Reed, George R.
Reed, George W.
Rice, Charles B.
Richards, Charles W.
Richmond, Jonathan C.
Robinson, Wallace F.
Rogers, Charles A.
Rust, Nathaniel J.
Sandford, Addison.
Saunders, Amos J.
Sawin, Samuel D.
Sawyer, Ebenezer.
Searle, John F.
Seymour, Stephen E.
Shattuck, Calvin W.
Shattuck, Elijah C.
Sherman, Elon.
Slade, Albion K.
Sleeper, Solomon S.

Messrs. Small, Isaiah A.
Smith, Andrew.
Smith, Newton.
Smith, Webster.
Spaulding, Mark H.
Stevens, James T.
Sullivan, Michael.
Swett, Jackson B.
Swett, Noah.
Taylor, Charles A.
Taylor, Oliver.
Thayer, Davis, Jr.
Truell, Byron.
Van Deusen, William I.
Wade, Levi C.
Wadsworth, Alexander.
Wallace, William S.
Ward, Alanson W.
Watts, William.
Webster, David L.
Wellington, Austin C.
Wetherbee, John.
Wetherell, John W.
Whicher, John D.
White, Benjamin.
White, James.
White, Joseph W.
Whitney, Edward.
Wilson, George C.
Wilson, John G.
Wing, Daniel.
Winship, Thomas.
Winslow, Isaac.
Wood, Eliphaz H.
Woods, William.

NAYS.

Messrs. Amsden, Edwin.
Ayer, Edwin.
Bailey, Daniel D.
Barry, Patrick.
Bradley, Osgood, Jr.
Bryant, Orrin.
Bugbee, Francis.
Carney, Michael.
Clapp, Frederick W.
Coveney, Jeremiah W.
Croak, Michael J.

Messrs. Curtiss, Albert W.
Fish, William W.
Freeto, John.
Gargan, Thomas J.
Hartt, Joseph T.
Hoffman, Ira W.
Ingalls, Ephraim A.
Jenks, Thomas L.
Kingsbury, Joseph A.
McCafferty, Matthew J.
Murphy, Jeremiah.

Messrs. Murphy, John J.
Nichols, John B.
Sawyer, Enoch.
Supple, James F.

Messrs. Tuttle, Henry G.
Williams, Moses, Jr.
Woodward, James C.

Yeas, 161 ; nays, 29.

Bills :

In relation to text-books in the public schools (amended on motion of Mr. Wade of Newton) ;

Relating to solitary imprisonment (amended on motion of Mr. J. W. Hill of Boston) ; and

To authorize, in certain cases, the mortgage of real estate held by executors and others ;

Were severally read, and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

Concerning the adoption of children ;

To regulate costs upon motions for new trial ; and

Concerning the obstructions to the passage of fish in the tributaries of the Connecticut and Merrimack rivers ; and

Resolves :

In favor of John McGrath ; and

In favor of the town of Bellingham ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to authorize the Springfield and New London Railroad Company to lease its railroad and make contracts for operating the same was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

At 5.37, adjourned.

FRIDAY, March 3, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Seymour, of Springfield, petition of D. B. Wesson and others in aid of the petition of S. E. Seymour for an Act to incorporate the Springfield Safe Deposit and Trust Company. Referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

By Mr. Sandford of Ware, petition of F. N. Peirce and others for just and equal taxation. Referred to the committee on Taxation of Church Property.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Read of Attleborough, petition of W. D. Wilmarth and others, a committee of the Attleborough Water Supply District, for authority for said district to issue additional bonds. Referred under the 20th joint rule to the next General Court.

Order.

The following Order, offered by Mr. Clapp of Framingham, was laid over, on request of Mr. Pope of Somerville :

Ordered, That a joint special committee of five on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, be appointed to investigate the charge made by Mr. Moses Kimball of Boston, a member of this House, that money has been used to influence legislation in this Legislature.

Papers from the Senate.

The petition of James Sprague and 136 others for repeal of the license law was referred in concurrence to the committee on the Liquor Law.

The report of the committee on Education, inexpedient to legislate on an Order relative to the education of children of poor parents, was read and accepted in concurrence under a suspension of the rule.

The report of the committee on Printing, that the Order relative to authorizing the committee on Water Supply and Drainage to print 1,000 copies of a bill under consideration by them concerning water supply, ought to be adopted, was read and accepted in concurrence under suspension of the rule, and the order adopted.

The report of the committee on Education, reference to the next General Court, on so much of the Governor's address and of the report of the Board of Education as relates to a scientific survey of the State, accepted by the Senate, was read, and being considered under suspension of the rule, was recommitted to the committee, on motion of Mr. Rice of Danvers.

A Bill to change the name of the East Randolph Cemetery Corporation, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

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Reports :

Of the committee on Banks and Banking, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to the taxation of savings banks ;

Of the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to the expense of examining titles and preparing papers by savings banks ;

Of the committee on Agriculture, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to humanity in slaughtering animals ;

Of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Ellen Woods, guardian of Jeremiah H. and William H. Murray, for back state aid ;

Of the committee on the Fisheries, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the selectmen of Eastham for the better regulation of the shell-fishery in said town ; and

Of the committee on Railroads, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to repealing sections 35 to 39 inclusive of chapter 372 of the Acts of 1874, concerning the subscription of towns and cities to the stock and securities of railroad corporations ;

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

A Bill to incorporate the Glades Association, passed to be engrossed by the Senate ; was read and ordered to a second reading.

*Bills Enacted.***Engrossed bills :**

To incorporate the Sturbridge Aqueduct Company ;
(Which originated in the House of Representatives ;)

To authorize the Old Colony Railroad Company to build a branch railroad in Quincy ; and

To discontinue a part of a public landing-place in the town of Bradford ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Saunders of Pepperell, from the committee on Claims, on a petition (recommitted) a Resolve in favor of Daniel Downey of Lawrence.

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By Mr. Wade of Newton, from the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures, on the general Order relative to salaries and expenditures, a Bill in relation to the public lands.

Severally read and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Finance.

By Mr. Gardner of Palmer, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Bill (on leave) relating to attachments of real estate ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on its rejection.

By Mr. Miner of Phillipston, from the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Alexander Black for compensation for damages committed by soldiers of the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia while in camp at Framingham; and

Reports of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate:

By Mr. Smith of Boston, on an Order relative to making gross and confirmed habits of intoxication a cause for divorce from bed and board, and not from the bond of matrimony;

By the same gentleman, on an Order relative to amendment of section 3 of chapter 89 of the General Statutes, relating to the record of leases;

By Mr. Pierce of Milton, on an Order relative to equalizing the sentences of criminals; and

By Mr. Gardner of Palmer, on an Order relative to amendment of section 5 of chapter 150 of the General Statutes and section 1 of chapter 321 of the Acts of 1874, relating to liens on buildings and land;

Were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

By Mr. Osgood of Salem, from the committee on Railroads, on an order, a Bill for the protection of electric signals on railroads.

By Mr. Washburn of Worcester, from the committee on the Judiciary, on a petition of the mayor of Boston, a Bill for the better protection of life in buildings occupied for public purposes in the city of Boston.

By Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Bill (on leave) in relation to the service of warrants issued by district or police courts, or trial justices, ought to pass in a new draft.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Taken from the Table.

On motion of Mr. Truell of Lawrence, the Senate Bill to incorporate the Boston Sugar Warehousing Company. Amendments moved by Messrs. Truell of Lawrence and Hawkes of Lynn were adopted, and the bill was again laid on the table, the question being on its engrossment.

Discharged from the Orders.

On motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, the Senate Bill relating to solitary imprisonment was discharged from the orders of the day, laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed as amended yesterday.

Orders of the Day.

Reports of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on

Petition of Daniel Donehue for state aid ; and

Petition of Peter Dooley for pay as a second lieutenant and recruiting officer ;

Also, report of committee on Harbors, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to abolishing the Board of Commissioners on Public Lands, the State Board of Agents for the Sale of the Commonwealth's Flats at South Boston, and the Board of Harbor Commissioners ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to the paying in of the capital stock of corporations, was accepted in concurrence.

Bills :

In addition to an Act to supply the city of Lawrence with water ;

Relating to the employment of children, and regulations respecting them ;

To authorize the Commissioners on Inland Fisheries to occupy great ponds for the cultivation and distribution of useful fishes ;

To amend chapter 103 of the General Statutes, and chapter 188 of the Acts of the year 1874, relating to sales of land on execution ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To facilitate the assignment of dower (amended on motion of Mr. Parker of Milford) ;

In relation to the expenditures of the agent for discharged convicts ;

To authorize, in certain cases, the mortgage of real estate held by executors and others ; and

In relation to text-books in the public schools ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill concerning the trustees of the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Bill concerning coöperative saving, fund and loan associations was further considered. Mr. Daniels of Oxford moved to refer the bill to the committee on the Judiciary, which motion was, on motion of Mr. Kellogg of Pittsfield, amended so as to refer to said committee with instructions to inquire into the expediency of providing that associations under this law be required to make the same returns, and be examined by the same officers as savings banks, and as amended was adopted.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to more complete taxation of personal property existing in cities and towns where it is not taxable, was considered. Mr. Saunders of Pepperell moved to amend by substituting a bill concerning the duties of assessors in relation to the taxation of personal property, which amendment was rejected, and the report was accepted.

Subsequently, Mr. Smith of Lexington moved to reconsider the vote whereby the report was accepted, the consideration of which motion was, on motion of the same gentleman, postponed until Tuesday next.

The Resolution in favor of the introduction of the metric system of weights and measures was further considered, and after debate was passed, as follows :—

Resolved, That the senators and representatives in Congress from this Commonwealth are hereby requested to forward, by all legitimate means, the introduction of the metric system of weights and measures, as the sole legalized standard throughout the United States.

Resolved, That the Governor be and he is hereby

requested to transmit to each of the senators and representatives in Congress a copy of the foregoing resolve.

The Bill to amend chapter 180 of the Acts of the year 1875, prohibiting the seining of fish in the ponds on the island of Nantucket, was read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence; the title having been amended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading so as to read "Bill to amend chapter 180 of the Acts of the year 1875, relative to the seining of fish in Hummock Pond on the island of Nantucket."

The Resolve in relation to the Bureau of Statistics on the subject of Labor was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, its further consideration was postponed until Tuesday next, the same gentleman giving notice that he should move to amend by substituting a resolve providing for the discontinuance of said bureau.

The Senate Bill in relation to towns and cities subscribing to the stock and securities of railroad corporations was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. Pierce of Milton its further consideration was postponed until Tuesday next.

The Bill to authorize the seizure, destruction or sale of intoxicating liquors exposed and kept for sale contrary to law was, on motion of Mr. Nutter of East Bridgewater, postponed for further consideration until Tuesday next, the question being on ordering the bill to a third reading. The same gentleman gave notice that he should move to amend by inserting a new section to be numbered section 16, in place of the section stricken out on the previous stage of the bill.

The Speaker gave notice that he should be absent tomorrow, and designated Mr. King of Boston to occupy the chair on that day.

At 5.28, adjourned.

SATURDAY, March 4, 1876.

Met according to adjournment, Mr. King of Boston in the chair.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

The Prison Investigation.

Prison investigation.

The Order relative to an investigation of certain charges relative to the use of money to influence certain legis-

lation, laid over yesterday, was considered. An amendment moved by Mr. Jones of Abington to strike out the word "used" and substitute the word "raised" was adopted. Mr. Kimball of Boston moved to amend by adding at the end of the order the following:

"And also to inquire in relation to the contracts for the prison at Concord, particularly with reference to iron-work, and report by what authority such work is being done by outside parties, while the statute (section 2 of chapter 255 of the Acts of 1874) provides that the manufacture of the cell doors, and other iron-work, or any other part thereof that may be required in the construction of the new prison shall be done by the convicts at the State Prison."

Mr. Hale of Boston raised the point that the amendment, being upon a subject-matter different from that of the original proposition, was out of order, which point the Chair ruled was well taken.

On motion of Mr. Jenks of Boston, the yeas and nays were ordered on the main question, and the roll being called, the order as amended was adopted by a vote of 99 yeas to 23 nays, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Adams, Ebenezer.
Alley, William A.
Amsden, Edwin.
Atkinson, Michael.
Ayer, Edwin.
Bailey, Daniel D.
Barry, Patrick.
Bartlett, Daniel W.
Bartlett, James E. T.
Bird, Warren A.
Bird, Warren P.
Buckminster, Joseph.
Bugbee, Francis.
Carney, Michael.
Churchill, Gardner A.
Clapp, Frederick W.
Cobb, John D.
Converse, Charles S.
Cook, Horace.
Croak, Michael J.
Crocker, Elisha, Jr.
Danforth, Charles H.
Dean, Herbert A.

Messrs. Downer, Francis E.
Fairbanks, George O.
Fiske, Wesley L.
Foque, Theodore N.
Freeto, John.
Garity, Thomas R.
Gifford, Benjamin.
Hale, Charles.
Hall, Andrew.
Hannum, Leander M.
Hartt, Joseph T.
Hartwell, James D.
Hathaway, Frederick.
Hicks, Samuel D.
Hill, Henry B.
Hill, Joseph W.
Hitchings, Otis M.
Hoffman, Ira W.
Holmes, Henry T.
Howe, George F.
Howland, Weston.
Jenks, Thomas L.
Jones, Jesse H.

Messrs. Keith, Ambrose.	Messrs. Prouty, David.
Keith, Ziba C.	Read, Washington.
Kendall, Edward.	Richmond, Jonathan C.
Kimball, Ensign.	Ropes, Joseph S.
King, William S.	Sawyer, Enoch.
Kingsbury, Joseph A.	Slade, Albion K.
Knapp, Joel.	Small, Isaiah A.
Knowles, John.	Smith, Robert D.
Knowlton, Henry C.	Smith, Webster.
Lindsey, Nathaniel E.	Spaulding, Mark H.
Longley, Samuel.	Supple, James F.
March, Andrus.	Swett, Noah.
McCafferty, Matthew J.	Taylor, Oliver.
Morse, Elijah A.	Thayer, Davis, Jr.
Murphy, Jeremiah.	Tuttle, Henry G.
Murphy, John J.	Wadsworth, Alexander.
Nelson, Sherman.	Warren, Alonzo.
Noonan, Daniel.	Washburn, John D.
Norton, John B.	Watts, William.
Osborn, Weaver.	Wetherbee, John.
Osgood, Charles S.	White, Benjamin.
Parker, Frederick.	White, Joseph W.
Parker, George G.	Williams, Moses, Jr.
Paul, Joseph F.	Wilson, George C.
Perry, George R.	Winslow, Isaac.
Pew, Charles H., 2d.	Woods, William.
Pope, Charles G.	

NAYS.

Messrs. Bowen, Francis C.	Messrs. Read, Henry C.
Evans, Alonzo H.	Rogers, Charles A.
Hapgood, Lyman S.	Sawin, Samuel D.
Heywood, Samuel R.	Searle, John F.
Hill, John B.	Stevens, James T.
McPherson, Eben'r M.	Stone, Frederick M.
Merritt, George W.	Wade, Levi C.
Morse, William.	Webster, David L.
Nourse, B. Alden.	White, James.
Pierce, Edward L.	Whitney, Edward.
Pillsbury, Albert E.	Winship, Thomas.
Preston, David A.	

Yeas, 99 ; nays, 23.

*Reports of the Committee on Finance.*Appropriation
bill No. 6.

By Mr. Kimball of Boston, on a general order, a Bill making appropriations for expenses of the State Almshouse, the State Primary School at Monson, the State Prison, the Reform School at Westborough, the Industrial

School at Lancaster, the Bridgewater Workhouse, the State Detective Force, and for other purposes. Read and ordered to a second reading.

By the same gentleman, that the Resolve in favor of the State Reform School at Westborough ought not to pass, the matter being included in the appropriation bill to-day reported. Rejected, as recommended by the committee, under suspension of the rules.

By the same gentleman, that the Resolve in favor of the Greenville Manufacturing Company ought to pass, with an amendment.

By Mr. Converse of Woburn, that the Resolve in favor of the Normal Schools at Salem, Westfield and Framingham ought to pass.

By Mr. Dean of Adams, that the Resolve in favor of the town of Scituate ought to pass.

By Mr. Nichols of Haverhill, that the Resolve to provide for the payment from the treasury of certain educational expenses ought to pass, with an amendment.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for a second reading on Tuesday.

Taken from the Table.

On motion of Mr. Wade of Newton, the Bill to establish the salary of the Commissioner of Savings Banks. On motion of the same gentleman, the bill was recommitted to the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures, the question being on ordering to a third reading.

Orders of the Day.

Reports of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate :

On an Order relative to amending section 3 of chapter 89 of the General Statutes, relating to the record of leases ;

On an Order relative to amending section 5 of chapter 150 of the General Statutes, and section 1 of chapter 321 of the Acts of 1874, relating to liens on buildings and land ; and

On an Order relative to equalizing the sentences of criminals ;

Were severally accepted.

The report of the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to making gross and con-

firmed habits of intoxication a cause for divorce from bed and board, and not from the bond of matrimony, was considered. Mr. Parker of Milford moved to substitute a bill in relation to divorce for gross and confirmed habits of intoxication. On motion of Mr. Jones of Abington, further consideration of the report was postponed until Tuesday, and the bill offered as a substitute was ordered to be printed.

The report of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Alexander Black for compensation for damages committed by soldiers of the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia while in camp at Frammingham was accepted, and sent up for concurrence.

Reports :

Of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Ellen Woods, guardian, for back state aid for Jeremiah H. and William H. Murray ;

Of the committee on the Fisheries, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the selectmen of Eastham for the better regulation of the shell-fishery in said town ; and

Of the committee on Agriculture, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to humanity in the mode of slaughtering animals ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

The Bill (on leave) relating to attachments of real estate was rejected, as recommended by the committee on the Judiciary.

Bills :

For the better protection of life in buildings occupied for public purposes in the city of Boston ;

For the protection of electric signals on railroads ; and

In relation to the service of warrants issued by district or police courts, or trial justices ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To authorize the Commissioners on Inland Fisheries to occupy great ponds for the cultivation and distribution of useful fishes : and

In addition to an Act to supply the city of Lawrence with water ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Rogers of Chelsea moved that the House adjourn, ^{Adjournment.} on which motion the yeas and nays were ordered on motion of Mr. Jenks of Boston, and the House refused to adjourn by a vote of 45 yeas to 51 nays, as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. Amsden, Edwin.
Barry, Patrick.
Carney, Michael.
Converse, Charles S.
Cook, Horace.
Crocker, Elisha, Jr.
Evans, Alonzo H.
Fairbanks, George O.
Foque, Theodore N.
Gifford, Benjamin.
Hill, Joseph W.
Hitchings, Otis M.
Hoffman, Ira W.
Holmes, Henry T.
Howland, Weston.
Kimball, Moses.
March, Andrus.
Morse, Elijah A.
Morse, William.
Murphy, Jeremiah.
Noonan, Daniel.
Norton, John B.
Osborn, Weaver.

Messrs. Parker, George G.
Paul, Joseph F.
Perry, George R.
Pierce, Edward L.
Pope, Charles G.
Prouty, David.
Richmond, Jonathan C.
Ropes, Joseph S.
Sawin, Samuel D.
Searle, John F.
Slade, Albion K.
Small, Isaiah A.
Spaulding, Mark H.
Swett, Noah.
Taylor, Oliver.
Warren, Alonzo.
Webster, David L.
White, James.
White, Joseph W.
Williams, Moses, Jr.
Winship, Thomas.
Woods, William.

NAYS.

Messrs. Adams, Ebenezer.
Alley, William A.
Atkinson, Michael.
Bird, Warren A.
Bird, Warren P.
Buckminster, Joseph.
Cobb, John D.
Croak, Michael J.
Danforth, Charles H.
Dean, Herbert A.
Freeto, John.
Garity, Thomas R.
Hale, Charles.
Hall, Andrew.
Hartt, Joseph T.
Hathaway, Frederick.
Heywood, Samuel R.
Hicks, Samuel D.

Messrs. Hill, Henry B.
Ingalls, Ephraim A.
Jenks, Thomas L.
Jones, Jesse H.
Keith, Ambrose.
Kendall, Edward.
Kimball, Ensign.
King, William S.
Kingsbury, Joseph A.
Knapp, Joel.
Long, John D.
Mann, Seth, 2d.
McCafferty, Matthew J.
McPherson, Eben. M.
Murphy, John J.
Nelson, Sherman.
Osgood, Charles S.
Pew, Charles H., 2d.

Messrs. Pillsbury, Albert E.	Messrs. Wade, Levi C.
Read, Washington.	Wadsworth, Alexander.
Rogers, Charles A.	Washburn, John D.
Sawyer, Enoch.	Watts, William.
Smith, Robert D.	White, Benjamin.
Smith, Webster.	Wilson, George C.
Supple, James F.	Winslow, Isaac.
Thayer, Davis, Jr.	

Yeas, 45 ; nays, 51.

Mr. Croak of Boston moved that the names of absentees be published in the Boston daily papers, pending which motion the House

At 1.20, adjourned.

TUESDAY, March 7, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

**Bureau of Labor
report.**

A communication was received from the Chief of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor, asking instructions from the Legislature concerning the printing of the Seventh Annual Report of said Bureau, and the Census and Industrial Statistics for 1875. Referred to the committee on Printing, and sent up for concurrence.

**State Prison in-
vestigation.**

The Speaker appointed the following gentlemen on the part of the House on the joint special committee to investigate certain charges concerning the raising of money to influence legislation: Messrs. Clapp of Framingham, Gardner of Palmer, Keith of Sandwich, Hannum of Cambridge, and Hicks of Arlington.

Sent up to be joined.

Petitions Presented.

**Broad-rimmed
wheels.**

By Mr. Buckminster of New Bedford, petition of Thomas M. James and 120 others for a law requiring the use of broad-rimmed wheels by loaded teams. Referred to the committee on Agriculture.

Taxation.

By Mr. Saunders of Pepperell, petition of J. M. Belcher and others for just and equal taxation. Referred to the committee on Taxation of Church Property.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Smith of South Hadley, petition of J. Carew and others in aid of the petition of E. H. Judd and others for exclusion from Fire District No. 1, in the town of South Hadley. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary. South Hadley
Fire District.

Order.

The following Order, offered by Mr. Croak of Boston, was laid over at the request of Mr. Pierce of Milton:—

Ordered, That the committee on Prisons be instructed to investigate the manner in which all contracts for work or materials have been awarded by the commissioners on the State Prison at Concord, Massachusetts, and also why the iron-work for the new prison has not been manufactured in conformity with section 2 of chapter 255 of the Acts of 1874; and authority is given the committee to send for persons and papers. New State
Prison con-
tracts.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Rice of Danvers, on the report of the State Board of Education, in part, a Bill making appropriations for certain educational purposes. Educational ex-
penses—Appro-
priation bill.
No. 7.

Read and referred under the rule to the committee on Finance.

By Mr. Rogers of Chelsea, from the committee on Harbors, leave to withdraw, on the petition of E. M. Thurston and 62 others for authority to lay out and construct a highway and drawbridge over Lee's and Cole's rivers, and a petition in aid of the same.

By Mr. H. B. Hill of Boston, from the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Mill River Button Company that their corporation tax for 1875 may be refunded.

By Mr. Stone of Waltham, from the committee on Banks and Banking, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to enabling parties to organize banks or do a banking business under laws of this Commonwealth.

By Mr. Noonan of Boston, from the committee on Street Railways, leave to withdraw, on the petition of J. B. Proctor and others that the charter of the Fitchburg Horse Railroad may be amended and extended.

By Mr. Washburn of Worcester, from the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to amending the laws concerning the collection of water-rates. Water-rates.

Fifth Suffolk
District.

By Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, from the committee on Elections, leave to withdraw, on the petitions of Horace L. Bowker, Francis M. Hughes, Richard J. Fife and Robert McCue, severally for the seat as representative from the Fifth Suffolk District; and on petitions of John Davis and others, and Edward B. Rankin and others, severally for a new election in said district, and the remonstrance of George F. Gay and others against the same.

Mr. Dean of Berkley, of the committee, dissented from the report, and recommended the adoption of the following Order:—

Ordered, That the committee on Elections be instructed to hear the testimony of the petitioners for the seat in this House lately held by George A. Shaw, and now vacant, and report to this body forthwith which candidate, if any, has the next highest number of votes, who has been a *bona fide* resident of the Fifth Suffolk District for one year previous to the last election, within the meaning of the Constitution of the Commonwealth.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Worcester
water supply.

By Mr. Warren of Boston, from the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, on the petition of the mayor of Worcester, a Bill for procuring an additional supply of pure water for the use of the city of Worcester.

Meadow-lands
on Neponset
River.

By Mr. Sawyer of Methuen, from the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to incorporate the owners of meadow-lands lying on Neponset River.

Winchester
Water Com-
missioners.

By Mr. Southwick of Lowell, from the same committee, on a petition, a Bill in addition to an Act entitled an Act to supply the town of Winchester with pure water.

Deerfield
Academy.

By Mr. White of Boston, from the committee on Education, on a petition, a Bill to incorporate the Trustees of the Deerfield Academy and Dickinson High School.

Salem Street
Railway.

By Mr. Barry of Boston, from the committee on Street Railways, on a petition, a Bill authorizing an exchange of the bonds of the Salem Street Railway.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Taken from the Table.

Boston Sugar
Warehousing
Company.

On motion of Mr. Moseley of Boston, the Senate Bill to incorporate the Boston Sugar Warehousing Company. On motion of the same gentleman, the bill was placed in

the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on passing it to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, the Senate Bill relating to solitary imprisonment. The bill was read a third time, and, on motion of the same gentleman, was further amended, passed to be engrossed in concurrence, and sent up for concurrence in the amendments.

Orders of the Day.

The motion of Mr. Smith of Lexington to reconsider the vote by which the House accepted the report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to more complete taxation of personal property existing in cities and towns where it is not taxable, was carried, and on motion of the same gentleman the report was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs, and sent up for concurrence. Orders of the day.

Reports of the committee on Banks and Banking, inexpedient to legislate:

On an Order relative to the taxation of savings banks; and

On an Order relative to the expense of examining titles and preparing papers by savings banks;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Resolves:

In favor of the normal schools at Salem, Westfield, and Framingham; and

To provide for the payment from the treasury of certain educational expenses (amended as recommended by the committee on Finance);

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

For the better protection of life in buildings occupied for public purposes in the city of Boston;

For the protection of electric signals on railroads; and

In relation to the service of warrants issued by district or police courts, or trial justices;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Resolve in relation to the Bureau of Statistics on the subject of Labor was further considered. After debate, the yeas and nays being ordered, on motion of Mr. Truell of Lawrence, on the pending motion of Mr. Hale of

Boston, to amend by substituting a Resolve for the discontinuance of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor, the amendment was carried by a vote of 101 yeas to 96 nays, as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. Abbe, James.

Allen, Stillman B.
 Babson, John J.
 Ballou, Monroe E.
 Barry, Patrick.
 Bartlett, James E. T.
 Bowen, Francis C.
 Bradley, Osgood, Jr.
 Brownell, Lysander N.
 Burr, Isaac T.
 Capron, Charles C.
 Chase, Frederick T.
 Churchill, Gardner A.
 Coggsball, Henry F.
 Cook, John H.
 Crocker, Elisha, Jr.
 Dean, Herbert A.
 Dennis, Henry, Jr.
 Fish, William W.
 Fisk, Luther.
 Foque, Theodore N.
 Gardner, Charles L.
 Gleason, Samuel S.
 Hale, Charles.
 Hapgood, Lyman S.
 Haskell, George.
 Hathaway, Isaac N.
 Hawks, Alanson K.
 Hill, Henry B.
 Hill, John B.
 Hitchings, Otis M.
 Hoffman, Ira W.
 Holley, Richard.
 Howe, George F.
 Hunt, Jonas S.
 Ingalls, Ephraim A.
 Jenks, Thomas L.
 Keith, Isaac N.
 Keith, Monroe.
 Keith, Ziba C.
 Kimball, Ensign.
 Kingsbury, Joseph A.
 Lawrence, Daniel W.
 Mackintosh, James.

Messrs. March, Andrus.

McCafferty, Matthew J.
 McPherson, Eben'r M.
 Miner, Henry S.
 Mitchell, Joseph, 2d.
 Morrill, George W.
 Morse, Elijah A.
 Murphy, Jeremiah.
 Nichols, John B.
 Noble, Reuben.
 Norton, John B.
 Nutter, Isaac N.
 Paul, Joseph F.
 Perry, George R.
 Pew, Charles H., 2d.
 Pillsbury, Albert E.
 Preston, David A.
 Putnam, Henry W.
 Read, Henry C.
 Read, Washington.
 Reed, George R.
 Reynolds, Rice M.
 Richards, Charles W.
 Robinson, Wallace F.
 Russell, Solomon N.
 Sandford, Addison.
 Sawin, Samuel D.
 Searle, John F.
 Seymour, Stephen E.
 Shattuck, Calvin W.
 Sherman, Elon.
 Small, Isaiah A.
 Smith, Newton.
 Smith, Robert D.
 Snow, Samuel.
 Spaulding, Mark H.
 Stacey, Benjamin F.
 Stevens, James T.
 Supple, James F.
 Swett, Noah.
 Thayer, Davis, Jr.
 Tuttle, Henry G.
 Van Deusen, William I.
 Wade, Levi C.

Messrs. Ward, Alanson W.
Warren, Alonzo.
Washburn, John D.
Waterman, Eleazer E.
Wetherell, John W.
Whicher, John D.
White, James.

Messrs. White, Joseph W.
Whitney, Edward.
Wilson, John G.
Winslow, Isaac.
Wood, Eliphaz H.
Woodward, James C.

NATS.

Messrs. Adams, Ebenezer.
Alley, William A.
Amsden, Edwin.
Appell, J. Franklin.
Atkinson, Michael.
Ayer, Edwin.
Barker, Giles G.
Bartlett, Daniel W.
Batchelor, Benjamin S.
Bird, Warren A.
Bird, Warren P.
Breed, Amos F.
Buckminster, Joseph.
Bugbee, Francis.
Clapp, Frederick W.
Clapp, Lafayette.
Cobb, John D.
Coburn, Edward.
Converse, Charles S.
Croak, Michael J.
Danforth, Charles H.
Daniels, George F.
Dean, Dallas J.
Doane, Freeman.
Doherty, Neil.
Estabrook, Adin C.
Fairbanks, George O.
Fiske, Wesley L.
Freeto, John.
Fuller, Charles.
Garity, Thomas R.
Gilmore, Onslow.
Goodsell, Curtis B.
Hall, Andrew.
Hannum, Leander M.
Hartwell, James D.
Hathaway, Frederick.
Heywood, Samuel R.
Hicks, Samuel D.
Hill, Joseph W.
Howland, Weston.

Messrs. Huse, Caleb B.
Jones, Jesse H.
Keith, Ambrose.
Kendall, Edward.
Kennedy, Patrick.
Kimball, Moses.
King, William S.
Knapp, Joel.
Knowles, John.
Knowlton, Henry C.
Knowlton, Hosea M.
Lee, Henry.
Loud, Charles A.
Mann, Seth, 2d.
Merritt, Christopher C.
Merritt, George W.
Mooney, Thomas.
Morissey, John.
Morse, William.
Murphy, John J.
Nelson, Sherman.
Noonan, Daniel.
Osborn, Weaver.
Osgood, Charles S.
Owen, Harvey M.
Parker, Frederick.
Partridge, David A.
Phinney, Stephen C.
Pope, Charles G.
Prouty, David.
Reed, George W.
Rice, Charles B.
Root, Joseph H.
Ropes, Joseph S.
Rust, Nathaniel J.
Sawyer, Enoch.
Shattuck, Elijah C.
Sleeper, Solomon S.
Southwick, John R.
Stone, Frederick M.
Sullivan, Michael.

Messrs. Swett, Jackson B.	Messrs. Webster, David L.
Taylor, Charles A.	Wellington, Austin C.
Taylor, Oliver.	Wetherbee, John.
Truell, Byron.	Williams, Moses, Jr.
Wadsworth, Alexander.	Wing, Daniel.
Walden, Edwin.	Winship, Thomas.
Watts, William.	Woods, William.

Yeas, 101 ; nays, 96.

The Resolve, as amended, was placed in the orders of the day for a third reading to-morrow under rule 60.

The report of the committee on Railroads, accepted by the Senate, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to the repeal of the law authorizing subscriptions by towns and cities to the stock and securities of railroad corporations was considered. Mr. Pierce of Milton moved to amend by substituting a Bill relating to the subscriptions of towns and cities to the capital stock and securities of railroad corporations. After debate, the motion prevailed, and the bill having been read once was placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Williams of Brookline, the Senate Bill in relation to towns and cities subscribing to the stock and securities of railroad corporations was laid on the table, the question being on ordering it to a third reading.

At 5.35, adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, March 8, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Batchelor of New Bedford, a member of the House.

Turner's Falls
bridge.

Mr. Root of Montague presented the remonstrance of Edwin Demond and 131 others against any further appropriation for the construction of a highway and bridge at Turner's Falls. Referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges, and sent up for concurrence.

New State
Prison investi-
gation.

The Order offered yesterday by Mr. Croak of Boston, and laid over, relative to an investigation of matters connected with the building of a new state prison, was referred to the next General Court ; the House refusing to suspend the 20th joint rule as moved by Mr. Croak.

Mr. Kellogg of Pittsfield moved to suspend the 20th joint rule to permit the introduction of a Bill (on leave) to incorporate the Bryant Free Library. On motion of the same gentleman, the motion to suspend the rule was laid on the table.

Bryant Free Library.

Papers from the Senate.

The following petitions were referred in concurrence :

Of J. S. Whedon and 35 others for woman suffrage. To the committee on Woman Suffrage.

Woman suffrage.

Of Thomas F. Sullivan and others in aid of the petition of George Griggs and others for annexation of Brookline to Boston. To the committee on Towns.

Brookline and Boston.

The report of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Benjamin Battles for state aid, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Benjamin Battles.

The report of the committee on Banks and Banking, leave to withdraw, on the petition of A. A. Scott and others for a savings bank in Saugus, came down accepted in concurrence, with an amendment providing that the matter be referred to the next General Court. The House concurred in the amendment.

Saugus Savings Bank.

Bill Enacted.

An engrossed Bill to authorize the Springfield and New London Railroad Company to lease its railroad and make contracts for operating the same ;

Bill enacted.

(Which originated in the Senate ;)

Was passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Hawks of Shelburne, from the committee on Claims, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of Ellen Nolan of Westborough.

Ellen Nolan.

By Mr. Whitney of Belmont, from the same committee, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of Eliza Brown of Dover.

Eliza Brown.

Severally read and referred in course to the committee on Finance.

By Mr. Gardner of Palmer, from the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the selectmen of Pittsfield for leave to dispose of an unused cemetery lot.

Pittsfield cemetery lot.

District courts. By Mr. Pierce of Milton, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to conferring upon district courts civil jurisdiction in cases where either party resides or has a usual place of business within the district.

Water-wheels. By Mr. Chase of Webster, from the committee on Manufactures, leave to withdraw, on the petition of A. M. Swain and 126 others for an Act to regulate the sale of water-wheels, etc.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Criminal trials before district courts. By Mr. Pierce of Milton, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Bill (on leave) relating to criminal trials before district courts be referred to the next General Court. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on its reference as recommended by the committee.

Suffolk County probate office. By Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the committee on Finance, that the Bill to provide for the appointment of a clerk in the probate office of the county of Suffolk ought to pass with an amendment. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on ordering it to a third reading.

East Randolph Cemetery Corporation. By Mr. Pierce of Milton, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Senate Bill to change the name of the East Randolph Cemetery Corporation ought to pass.

Boston municipal courts. By the same gentleman, from the same committee, that the Bill (on leave) relating to the civil jurisdiction of the municipal courts of the city of Boston ought to pass.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

By Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, from the committee on the Judiciary, on a petition of the mayor of Lynn, a Bill concerning appointments by the mayor and aldermen in cities.

By Mr. Osgood of Salem, from the committee on Railroads, on an order, a Bill in relation to signs at railroad crossings.

By Mr. Heywood of Worcester, from the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to revive chapter 246 of the Acts of the year 1870, relating to the Fitchburg Railroad Company.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Orders of the Day.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to amending the laws concerning the collecting of water-rates was accepted. Orders of the day.

Reports :

Of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Mill River Button Company, that their corporation tax for 1875 may be refunded ; and

Of the committee on Banks and Banking, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to enabling parties to organize banks or do a banking business under the laws of this Commonwealth ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Street Railways, leave to withdraw, on the petition of J. B. Proctor and others that the charter of the Fitchburg Horse Railroad may be amended and extended was recommitted to the committee, on motion of Mr. Coggshall of Fitchburg.

The report of the committee on Harbors, leave to withdraw, on the petition of E. M. Thurston and 62 others for authority to construct a highway and drawbridges over Lee's and Cole's rivers, and a petition in aid of the same, was recommitted to the committee, on motion of Mr. Fairbanks of Fall River, with instructions to hear the parties.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to making gross and confirmed habits of intoxication a cause for divorce from bed and board, and not from the bond of matrimony, was considered, and pending the motion of Mr. Parker of Milford to substitute a bill, and amendments to the same moved by Mr. Jenks of Boston, the further consideration of the subject was postponed until to-morrow, on motion of Mr. McCafferty of Worcester.

The consideration of the report of the committee on Elections, on the matter of the Fifth Suffolk Representative District was postponed until to-morrow, on motion of Mr. Dean of Berkley.

Bills :

For procuring an additional supply of pure water for the use of the city of Worcester ;

Authorizing an exchange of the bonds of the Salem Street Railway ;

To incorporate the owners of meadow-lands lying on Neponset River;

In addition to an Act entitled an Act to supply the town of Winchester with pure water; and

To incorporate the trustees of the Deerfield Academy and Dickinson High School; and

Resolves:

In favor of the town of Scituate; and

In favor of the Greenville Manufacturing Company; (amended as recommended by the committee on Finance;)

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The Resolve for the discontinuance of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor was further considered. After debate, the yeas and nays being ordered on motion of Mr. Loud of Winchendon, the Resolve was ordered to a third reading by a vote of 105 yeas to 99 nays, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Abbe, James.

Allen, Stillman B.

Ballou, Monroe E.

Barry, Patrick.

Bartlett, James E. T.

Bowen, Francis C.

Bradley, Osgood, Jr.

Brownell, Lysander N.

Burr, Isaac T.

Churchill, Gardner A.

Coggshall, Henry F.

Cook, Horace.

Cook, John H.

Cordis, Thomas F.

Crocker, Elisha, Jr.

Curtiss, Albert W.

Dean, Herbert A.

Dennis, Henry, Jr.

Fisk, Luther.

Fuller, Henry W.

Gardner, Charles L.

Gargan, Thomas J.

Gibbons, John M.

Gleason, Samuel S.

Hale, Charles.

Hapgood, Lyman S.

Hathaway, Isaac N.

Hawks, Alanson K.

Hicks, Samuel D.

Messrs. Hill, Henry B.

Hill, John B.

Hitchings, Otis M.

Hoffman, Ira W.

Holley, Richard.

Howe, George F.

Hunt, Jonas S.

Ingalls, Ephraim A.

Jenks, Thomas L.

Keith, Monroe.

Kellogg, Ensign H.

Kimball, Ensign.

Kingsbury, Joseph A.

Kirtland, Edwin L.

Knowles, John.

Lawrence, Daniel W.

Longley, Samuel.

Mackintosh, James.

March, Andrus.

Mayo, Edward F.

McCafferty, Matthew J.

McPherson, Eben'r M.

Miner, Henry S.

Mitchell, Joseph, 2d.

Morrill, George W.

Morse, Elijah A.

Moseley, Frederick P.

Murphy, Jeremiah.

Nichols, John B.

Messrs. Noble, Reuben.
 Norton, John B.
 Nutter, Isaac N.
 Paul, Joseph F.
 Perry, George R.
 Pew, Charles H., 2d.
 Pillsbury, Albert E.
 Preston, David A.
 Putnam, Henry W.
 Read, Washington.
 Reed, George R.
 Reynolds, Rice M.
 Richmond, Jonathan C.
 Robinson, Wallace F.
 Rogers, Charles A.
 Russell, Solomon N.
 Sawin, Samuel D.
 Shattuck, Calvin W.
 Sherman, Elon.
 Small, Isaiah A.
 Smith, Newton.
 Smith, Robert D.
 Smith, Webster.
 Spaulding, Mark H.

Messrs. Stacey, Benjamin F.
 Stevens, James T.
 Supple, James F.
 Swett, Noah.
 Talbot, Samuel, Jr.
 Thayer, Davis, Jr.
 Tuttle, Henry G.
 Van Deusen, William I.
 Wade, Levi C.
 Walden, Edwin.
 Ward, Alanson W.
 Warren, Alonzo.
 Washburn, John D.
 Waterman, Eleazer E.
 Wetherell, John W.
 Whicher, John D.
 White, James.
 White, Joseph W.
 Whitney, Edward.
 Wilson, John G.
 Winslow, Isaac.
 Wood, Eliphaz H.
 Woodward, James C.

NATS.

Messrs. Adams, Ebenezer.
 Alley, William A.
 Amsden, Edwin.
 Appell, J. Franklin.
 Atkinson, Michael.
 Ayer, Edwin.
 Bailey, Daniel D.
 Barker, Giles G.
 Bartlett, Daniel W.
 Batchelor, Benjamin S.
 Bird, Warren A.
 Bird, Warren P.
 Buckminster, Joseph.
 Bugbee, Francis.
 Chase, Frederick T.
 Clapp, Frederick W.
 Cobb, John D.
 Coburn, Edward.
 Converse, Charles S.
 Coveney, Jeremiah W.
 Croak, Michael J.
 Danforth, Charles H.
 Daniels, George F.

Messrs. Dean, Dallas J.
 Doherty, Neil.
 Downer, Francis E.
 Evans, Alonzo H.
 Fairbanks, George O.
 Fiske, Wesley L.
 Freeto, John.
 Fuller, Charles.
 Garity, Thomas R.
 Gifford, Benjamin.
 Goodsell, Curtis B.
 Hall, Andrew.
 Hannum, Leander M.
 Hartwell, James D.
 Hathaway, Frederick.
 Hawkes, Nathan M.
 Heywood, Samuel R.
 Hill, Joseph W.
 Holmes, Henry T.
 Huse, Caleb B.
 Jones, Jesse H.
 Keith, Ambrose.
 Kendall, Edward.

Messrs. Kennedy, Patrick.	Messrs. Reed, George W.
Kimball, Moses.	Rice, Charles B.
King, William S.	Ropes, Joseph S.
Knapp, Joel.	Rust, Nathaniel J.
Knowlton, Henry C.	Sandford, Addison.
Knowlton, Hosea M.	Sawyer, Ebenezer.
Lee, Henry.	Sawyer, Enoch.
Lindsey, Nathaniel E.	Seymour, Stephen E.
Loud, Charles A.	Shattuck, Elijah C.
Mann, Seth, 2d.	Slade, Albion K.
Merritt, Christopher C.	Smith, Andrew.
Merritt, George W.	Southwick, John R.
Morrissey, John.	Stone, Frederick M.
Morse, William.	Sullivan, Michael.
Murphy, John J.	Swett, Jackson B.
Nelson, Sherman.	Taylor, Charles A.
Noonan, Daniel.	Taylor, Oliver.
Nourse, B. Alden.	Truell, Byron.
Osborn, Weaver.	Wadsworth, Alexander.
Osgood, Charles S.	Watts, William.
Owen, Harvey M.	Webster, David L.
Parker, Frederick.	Wellington, Austin C.
Parker, George G.	White, Benjamin.
Phinney, Stephen C.	Williams, Moses, Jr.
Pierce, Edward L.	Winship, Thomas.
Pope, Charles G.	Woods, William.
Prouty, David.	

Yeas, 105 ; nays, 99.

Consideration of the Senate Bill to incorporate the Glades Association, and of the Bill making appropriations for expenses of the State Almshouse, the State Primary School at Monson, the State Prison, the Reform School at Westborough, the Industrial School at Lancaster, the Bridgewater Workhouse, the State Detective Force, and for other purposes, was postponed until to-morrow ; the former on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, and the latter on motion of Mr. Miner of Phillipston.

The Bill to amend chapter 103 of the General Statutes, and chapter 188 of the Acts of the year 1874, relating to sales of land on execution, was recommitted to the committee on the Judiciary, on motion of Mr. Pillsbury of Boston.

The Bill relating to the employment of children, and regulations respecting them, was read, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Resolves :

In favor of the normal schools at Salem, Westfield, and Framingham ; and

To provide for the payment from the treasury of certain educational expenses ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to authorize the seizure, destruction or sale of intoxicating liquors exposed and kept for sale contrary to law was read a third time ; the pending amendment moved by Mr. Nutter of East Bridgewater was adopted ; and, the yeas and nays being ordered on motion of Mr. Coveney of Cambridge, the bill was passed to be engrossed by a vote of 127 yeas to 29 nays, as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. Allen, Stillman B.
Atkinson, Michael.
Ballou, Monroe E.
Bartlett, James E. T.
Batchelor, Benjamin S.
Bird, Warren P.
Bowen, Francis C.
Buckminster, Joseph.
Burr, Isaac T.
Churchill, Gardner A.
Clapp, Lafayette.
Cobb, John D.
Coburn, Edward.
Coggshall, Henry F.
Converse, Charles S.
Crocker, Elisha, Jr.
Curtiss, Albert W.
Danforth, Charles H.
Daniels, George F.
Dean, Dallas J.
Dean, Herbert A.
Downer, Francis E.
Evans, Alonzo H.
Fairbanks, George O.
Fisk, Luther.
Fiske, Wesley L.
Fuller, Charles.
Gibbons, John M.
Gleason, Samuel S.
Hale, Charles.
Hall, Andrew.

Messrs. Hannum, Leander M.
Hapgood, Lyman S.
Hathaway, Frederick.
Hathaway, Isaac N.
Hawks, Alanson K.
Hicks, Samuel D.
Hill, Henry B.
Hill, John B.
Hill, Joseph W.
Holmes, Henry T.
Howe, George F.
Howland, Weston.
Hunt, Jonas S.
Jones, Jesse H.
Keith, Ambrose.
Kellogg, Ensign H.
Kendall, Edward.
Kimball, Ensign.
Kimball, Moses.
King, William S.
Kirtland, Edwin L.
Knapp, Joel.
Knowles, John.
Lawrence, Daniel W.
Lee, Henry.
Lindsey, Nathaniel E.
Longley, Samuel.
Mackintosh, James.
Mann, Seth, 2d.
March, Andrus.
Mayo, Edward F.

Messrs. McPherson, Eben'r M.	Messrs. Slade, Albion K.
Merritt, Christopher C.	Sleeper, Solomon S.
Merritt, George W.	Small, Isaiah A.
Miner, Henry S.	Smith, Andrew.
Morrill, George W.	Smith, Webster.
Morse, Elijah A.	Southwick, John R.
Morse, William.	Stevens, James T.
Moseley, Frederick P.	Stone, Frederick M.
Nelson, Sherman.	Sullivan, Michael.
Noonan, Daniel.	Swett, Jackson B.
Norton, John B.	Swett, Noah.
Nourse, B. Alden.	Taylor, Charles A.
Nutter, Isaac N.	Taylor, Oliver.
Osborn, Weaver.	Thayer, Davis, Jr.
Osgood, Charles.	Van Deusen, William I.
Owen, Harvey M.	Wadsworth, Alexander.
Parker, Frederick.	Ward, Alanson W.
Paul, Joseph F.	Warren, Alonzo.
Pierce, Edward L.	Waterman, Eleazer E.
Pillsbury, Albert E.	Watts, William.
Preston, David A.	Webster, David L.
Prouty, David.	Wellington, Austin C.
Read, Washington.	Wetherbee, John.
Reed, George R.	Whicher, John D.
Rice, Charles B.	White, James.
Richmond, Jonathan C.	White, Joseph W.
Rogers, Charles A.	Whitney, Edward.
Root, Joseph H.	Wilson, John G.
Ropes, Joseph S.	Wing, Daniel.
Sandford, Addison.	Winship Thomas.
Seymour, Stephen E.	Winslow Isaac.
Shattuck, Elijah C.	Wood, Eliphaz H.
Sherman, Elon.	

NAYS.

Messrs. Adams, Ebenezer.	Messrs. McCafferty, Matthew J.
Amsden, Edwin.	Murphy, Jeremiah.
Barry, Patrick.	Murphy, John J.
Brownell, Lysander N.	Nichols, John B.
Carney, Michael.	Putnam, Henry W.
Clapp, Frederic W.	Shattuck, Calvin W.
Coveney, Jeremiah W.	Smith, Robert D.
Croak, Michael J.	Spaulding, Mark H.
Doherty, Neil.	Stacey, Benjamin F.
Freeto, John.	Supple, James F.
Garity Thomas R.	Talbot, Samuel, Jr.
Goodsell, Curtis B.	Tuttle, Henry G.
Ingalls, Ephraim A.	Wetherell, John W.
Jenks, Thomas L.	Woodward, James C.
Kennedy, Patrick.	

Yeas, 127; nays, 29.

The Senate Bill to incorporate the Boston Sugar Warehousing Company was considered. Pending the question on passing it to be engrossed as amended, the House, At 5.45, adjourned.

THURSDAY, March 9, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petition Presented.

By Mr. Hawks of Shelburne, petition of Luther Franklin and others for just and equal taxation. Referred to the committee on Taxation of Church Property, and sent up for concurrence. Taxation.

Order.

The following Order, offered by Mr. Washburn of Worcester, was laid over at the request of Mr. Pierce of Milton :—

Ordered, That in debate of all matters coming before the House, members be limited to ten minutes each. Limit of debate.

Papers from the Senate.

The remonstrances of S. W. Scott and others, and Daniel W. Taft and others, severally against the abolition of the Second District Court of Southern Worcester, were referred in concurrence to the committee on District Courts. Second District Court of Southern Worcester.

The report of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of William J. Winch and others of Co. D, 10th regiment, M. V. M., for reimbursement for money fraudulently appropriated by the late captain of said company, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Co. D, Tenth Regiment.

A Bill to confirm certain leases and agreements between the Somerville Horse Railroad Company, the Middlesex Railroad Company, and the Union Railway Company, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading. Somerville, Middlesex and Union Railway Companies.

*Bills Enacted.***Bills enacted.**

Engrossed bills :

To preserve the eel fisheries in Eel River in the town of Plymouth ; and

To authorize the county commissioners of the county of Barnstable to bridge Broad Nook ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives) ; and

Concerning the Trustees of the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy ;

(Which originated in the Senate) ;

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

*Reports of Committees.***Burton Brew-
ing Co.**

By Mr. McPherson of Boston, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition of William H. Alley and others for an Act of incorporation under the name of the Burton Brewing Company.

**James and Ellen
E. Parton.**

By Mr. Pierce of Milton, from the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition of James and Ellen E. Parton for legalization of their marriage contract, and a petition in aid of the same.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

**Mass. Family
Bank.**

By Mr. Knowlton of New Bedford, from the committee on Insurance, on the petition of Elizur Wright and others, and petitions in aid of the same, a Bill to incorporate the Massachusetts Family Bank.

**Connecting
railroads.**

By Mr. Williams of Brookline, from the committee on Railroads, on an order, a Bill in relation to connecting railroads.

**Commissions
on railroad
crossings.**

By Mr. Moseley of Boston, from the same committee, on an order relative to amending chapter 231 of the Acts of 1875 so that one of the railroad commissioners shall be appointed on the special commission in relation to certain damages, a Bill in relation to the appointment of special commissions for alteration of railroad crossings.

North River.

By Mr. Merritt of Scituate, from the committee on the Fisheries, on the report of the Commissioners on Inland Fisheries, a Bill to regulate the taking of fish in North River, in the county of Plymouth.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Taken from the Table.

On motion of Mr. Osgood of Salem, the report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to amending sections 1 and 2 of chapter 106 of the General Statutes relative to marriage between certain relations. Marriage between relatives.

The same gentlemen moved to substitute a Bill to amend sections 1 and 2 of chapter 106 of the General Statutes, relative to marriage between certain relations, which was read and ordered to be printed. The report was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, with the pending amendment.

Discharged from the Orders.

On motion of Mr. Rice of Danvers, the Resolve in favor of the town of Scituate was discharged from the orders of the day, and, on motion of the same gentleman, was laid upon the table. Scituate.

Reconsideration.

On motion of Mr. Rice of Danvers, the vote by which the Resolve in favor of the normal schools at Salem, Westfield and Framingham was yesterday passed to be engrossed was reconsidered. On motion of the same gentleman, the resolve was amended, and the title was also amended by inserting after the word Framingham the words "and Bridgewater." Normal schools.

Orders of the Day.

Reports of the committee on the Judiciary :

Leave to withdraw, on the petition of the selectmen of Pittsfield, for leave to dispose of an unused cemetery lot ;
and

Inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to conferring upon district courts civil jurisdiction in cases where either party resides or has his usual place of business in the district ;

Were severally accepted.

The report of the committee on Manufactures, leave to withdraw, on the petition of A. M. Swain and others for an Act to regulate the sale of water-wheels, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Claims, leave to with-

Orders of the day.

draw, on the petition of Benjamin Battles for state aid was accepted in concurrence.

The report of the committee on Elections on the matter of the Fifth Suffolk Representative District was further postponed until to-morrow on motion of Mr. Ropes of Boston.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to making gross and confirmed habits of intoxication a cause for divorce from bed and board, and not from the bond of matrimony, was further considered. The motion of Mr. Parker of Milford to amend by substituting a Bill in relation to divorce for gross and confirmed habits of intoxication was lost. After debate, on motion of Mr. McCafferty of Worcester, the matter was recommitted to the committee, with instructions to report a bill.

Bills :

To incorporate the Glades Association (amended on motion of Mr. Pierce of Milton) ;

Relating to the civil jurisdiction of the municipal courts of the city of Boston ;

Concerning appointments by the mayor and aldermen in cities ;

In relation to signs at railroad crossings ;

To change the name of the East Randolph Cemetery Corporation ; and

To provide for the appointment of a clerk in the probate office of the county of Suffolk (amended as recommended by the committee on Finance) ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

For procuring an additional supply of pure water for the use of the city of Worcester ;

To incorporate the owners of meadow-lands lying on Neponset River ;

In addition to an Act to supply the town of Winchester with pure water ;

To incorporate the trustees of the Deerfield Academy and Dickinson High School ; and a

Resolve in favor of the Greenville Manufacturing Company ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Senate Bill to incorporate the Boston Sugar Warehousing Company was further considered.

On motion of Mr. Smith of Boston the rule was suspended, and the amendment adopted March 3 was reconsidered. The question then recurring on the adoption of the amendment, the same gentleman moved to amend the same, which was carried, and the amendment as amended was adopted. A further amendment to the bill moved by Mr. Croak of Boston was then adopted, the bill as amended was passed to be engrossed in concurrence, and sent up for concurrence in the amendment.

The Bill making appropriations for expenses of the State Almshouse, the State Primary School at Monson, the State Prison, the Reform School at Westborough, the Industrial School at Lancaster, the Bridgewater Workhouse, the State Detective Force, and for other purposes, was read a second time, and amended on motion of Mr. Miner of Phillipston. After debate, and pending amendments moved by Messrs. Miner of Phillipston and Croak of Boston, the bill was, on motion of Mr. Allen of Boston, recommitted to the committee on Finance, with instructions to report each appropriation in two items, one for salaries, and the other for all other expenses.

The Bill relating to the subscriptions of towns and cities to the capital stock and securities of railroad corporations was read a second time, and amended on motion of Mr. Pierce of Milton. On motion of Mr. Fairbanks of Fall River, its further consideration was postponed until tomorrow.

The Bill to revive chapter 246 of the Acts of the year 1870, relating to the Fitchburg Railroad Company, was read a second time, and recommitted to the committee on Railroads, on motion of Mr. Williams of Brookline.

The Bill (on leave) relating to criminal trials before district courts was referred to the next General Court, as recommended by the committee on the Judiciary.

The Resolves for the discontinuance of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor were read a third time. Pending the question on engrossment, the House

At 5.22, adjourned.

FRIDAY, March 10, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Registration
report.

The Thirty-Third Annual Registration Report, for the year ending December 31, 1874, was received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and, on motion of Mr. Pierce of Milton, was placed on the files of the House.

Taunton Great
River.

Mr. Dean of Berkley presented the petition of N. G. Townsend and others in aid of the petition of Isaac N. Babbitt and others for a change in the law relative to fishing in Taunton Great River. Referred to the committee on the Fisheries, and sent up for concurrence.

The Order offered yesterday by Mr. Washburn of Worcester, and laid over, relative to limiting the time of members in debate, was adopted, with amendments moved by Messrs. Washburn of Worcester and Murphy of Worcester. As amended, the order was as follows:—

Limit of debate.

Ordered, That in debate of all matters coming before the House, speeches be limited to ten minutes each. This rule shall not be suspended except by a two-thirds vote.

Papers from the Senate.

Woman suf-
frage.

The petition of D. N. Livermore and 44 others for woman suffrage was referred in concurrence to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

First District
Court of South-
ern Worcester.

The remonstrances of Amasa C. Morse and 40 others, Solomon Shumway and 47 others, E. C. Willis and 50 others, Alfred E. Fiske and 27 others, and Samuel S. Perry and 163 others, severally against the abolition of the First District Court of Southern Worcester, were severally referred in concurrence to the committee on District Courts.

Mass. Asylum
for the Blind.

Reports of the committee on Education, no legislation necessary, on the report of the Trustees of the Massachusetts Asylum for the Blind; and

First meeting of
school districts.

Inexpedient to legislate on an Order relative to the organization of the first regular meetings of school districts; and the

Montagne and
Deerfield
bridge.

Report of the committee on Roads and Bridges, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of Amos Adams

and others for freeing the Connecticut River bridge between Montague and Deerfield;

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

A Bill (on leave) to incorporate the Boston Widows' and Orphans' Association, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Boston Widows' and Orphans' Association.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bills Enacted.

Engrossed bills:

Bills enacted.

To relieve the county of Franklin from the maintenance of a bridge near the mouth of Miller's River;

In further addition to an Act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government during the present year; and

To change the name of the Shelburne Falls Five Cents Savings Bank;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Resolve Passed.

An engrossed Resolve providing for the preparation of a new catalogue of the state library, was passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Resolve passed.

Reports of Committees.

Leave to withdraw:

By Mr. Burr of Newton, from the committee on Banks and Banking, on the petition (recommitted) of Wm. B. Greene and others for repeal of sections 18, 19 and 20 of chapter 162 of the General Statutes, forbidding the issue of bank-notes by private persons.

Issue of bank-notes by private persons.

By Mr. Hathaway of Marion, from the committee on Harbors, on the petition of J. F. Taylor and others for a draw in the bridge crossing Charles River from Western Avenue to Arsenal Street in Watertown.

Charles River Bridge.

By Mr. Miner of Phillipston, from the committee on Claims, on the petition of Margaret J. Lincoln for state aid.

Margaret J. Lincoln.

Wm. Walsh.

By Mr. Saunders of Pepperell, from the same committee, on the petition of William Walsh for relief for injuries sustained by suits instituted in his absence in the service of the United States.

A. M. Bardwell.

By Mr. Buckminster of New Bedford, from the same committee, on the petition of Azubah M. Bardwell for state aid.

Collin Perrin.

By Mr. Webster of Boston, from the same committee, on the petition of Collin Perrin for state aid.

Ninth Regiment.

By Mr. Croak of Boston, from the same committee, on the petition of Captain D. J. Gorman and officers of the 9th regiment, M. V. M., for compensation for belts; and

Andrew Clark—
Gilbert Keen.

On the petition of Andrew Clark, guardian of Gilbert Keen, for state aid.

Inexpedient to legislate:

Salaries and expenditures of Board of Agriculture.

By Mr. Mackintosh of Needham, from the committee on Agriculture, on an Order relative to the salaries and other expenditures paid under direction of the Board of Agriculture.

Prison Commissioners.

By Mr. J. W. Hill of Boston, from the committee on Prisons, on an Order relative to repealing chapter 370 of the Acts of 1870, in relation to the appointment of commissioners of prisons.

License law.

By Mr. Knowlton of New Bedford, from the committee on the Liquor Law, on an Order relative to amending section 16 of the present law to regulate the sale of intoxicating liquor.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

Fire districts.

By Mr. Knowlton of New Bedford, from the committee on Insurance, on an Order relative to the assessment of taxes for maintenance of fire districts, street lamps, libraries, etc., asking to be discharged from further consideration of the same, and recommending that it be referred to the committee on Towns.

Discharged convicts.

By Mr. Keith of Brockton, from the committee on Prisons, no legislation necessary, on the annual report of the agent for aiding discharged convicts.

Prison inspectors.

By Mr. Nelson of Georgetown, from the same committee, no legislation necessary, on the annual report of the Inspectors of the State Prison.

Severally read, accepted under suspension of the rule, and sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, from the committee on Poll taxes. Elections, on an Order relative to equalizing the rate of poll-tax throughout the Commonwealth, a Bill to regulate the assessment of poll-taxes.

By Mr. Mitchell of Nantucket, from the committee on Salem harbor-master. Harbors, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the appointment and to define the duties of a harbor-master for the port of Salem.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading,

Adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Swett of Haverhill, it was

Voted, That when the House adjourns, it be to meet on Adjournment. Monday next at half-past one o'clock.

Discharged from the Orders.

On motion of Mr. Barry of Boston, the Bill authorizing Salem street railway. an exchange of the bonds of the Salem Street Railway was discharged from the orders of the day, read a third time, and, on motion of the same gentleman, was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Orders of the Day.

The report of the committee on Claims, leave to with- Orders of the day. draw, on the petition of William J. Winch and others of Co. D, 10th regiment, M. V. M., for reimbursement for money fraudulently appropriated by the late captain of said company, was accepted in concurrence.

The report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition of William H. Alley and others for an Act of incorporation under the name of the Burton Brewing Company, was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. Wade of Newton.

The report of the committee on Elections on the several petitions relative to the vacant seat for the Fifth Suffolk District was considered. Mr. Dean of Berkley moved to amend the report by substituting the Order recommended for adoption by him.

On motion of Mr. Moseley of Boston, voted, that debate on the subject close at five minutes past four, unless the vote be sooner reached.

On motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, the Order was amended by striking out the last part, and was substituted for the report of the committee as follows :—

Ordered, That the committee on Elections be instructed to hear the testimony of the petitioners for the seat in this House lately occupied by George A. Shaw, and now vacant.

Under rule 60 the order was placed in the orders of the day for Monday, the question being on its adoption.

Bills :

In relation to connecting railroads (amended on motion of Mr. Williams of Brookline) ;

In relation to the appointment of special commissions for alteration of railroad crossings ;

To regulate the taking of fish in North River in the county of Plymouth ; and

To confirm certain leases and agreements between the Somerville Horse Railroad Company, the Middlesex Railroad Company, and the Union Railway Company ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill relating to the subscriptions of towns and cities to the capital stock and securities of railroad corporations was further considered. After debate, the yeas and nays being ordered on motion of Mr. Mackintosh of Needham, the bill was ordered to a third reading by a vote of 73 yeas to 42 nays, as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. Atkinson Michael.

Babson, John J.
Bailey, Daniel D.
Ballou, Monroe E.
Barry Patrick.
Batchelor, Benjamin S.
Bird, Warren A.
Bird, Warren P.
Bowen, Francis C.
Brownell, Lysander N.
Buckminster, Joseph.
Carney, Michael.
Clapp, Frederick W.
Cobb, John D.
Coburn, Edward.
Cordis, Thomas F.
Croak, Michael J.
Danforth, Charles H.
Dean, Dallas J.
Doane, Freeman.
Downer, Francis E.

Messrs. Freeto, John.

Hall, Andrew.
Hathaway, Frederick.
Hawks, Alanson K.
Hill, Henry B.
Hill, Joseph W.
Hunt, Jonas S.
Ingalls, Ephraim A.
Jenks, Thomas L.
Jones, Jesse H.
Keith, Ambrose.
Kimball, Ensign.
Kingsbury, Joseph A.
Knowlton, Hosea M.
Lee, Henry.
Lindsey, Nathaniel E.
Mann, Seth, 2d.
Mayo, Edward F.
Merritt, Christopher C.
Miner, Henry S.
Moseley, Frederick P.

Messrs. Murphy, John J.
 Nelson, Sherman.
 Noonan, Daniel.
 Osborn, Weaver.
 Owen, Harvey M.
 Parker, Frederick.
 Partridge, David A.
 Pierce, Edward L.
 Pillsbury, Albert E.
 Pope, Charles G.
 Prouty, David.
 Read, Henry C.
 Reed, George W.
 Richmond, Jonathan C.
 Root, Joseph H.
 Shattuck, Calvin W.

Messrs. Smith, Webster.
 Snow, Samuel.
 Stevens, James T.
 Stone, Frederick M.
 Sullivan, Michael.
 Tuttle, Henry G.
 Wadsworth, Alexander.
 Walden, Edwin.
 Ward, Alanson W.
 Warren, Alonzo.
 Wellington, Austin C.
 Wetherbee, John.
 Whicher, John D.
 White, Joseph W.
 Whitney, Edward.

NATS.

Messrs. Allen, Stillman B.
 Bryant, Orrin.
 Clapp, Lafayette.
 Coggeshall, Henry F.
 Cook, John H.
 Dean, Herbert A.
 Evans, Alonzo H.
 Fairbanks, George O.
 Fisk, Luther.
 Fiske, Wesley L.
 Foque, Theodore N.
 Fuller, Charles.
 Granger, George W.
 Hale, Charles.
 Hapgood, Lyman S.
 Hitchings, Otis M.
 Holmes, Henry T.
 King, William S.
 Knowlton, Henry C.
 Lawrence, Daniel W.
 Mackintosh, James.

Messrs. McPherson, Eben'r M.
 Morrill, George W.
 Morse, William.
 Norton, John B.
 Nourse, B. Alden.
 Osgood, Charles S.
 Putnam, Henry W.
 Rice, Charles B.
 Ropes, Joseph S.
 Sawin, Samuel D.
 Slade, Albion K.
 Sleeper, Solomon S.
 Small, Isaiah A.
 Talbot, Samuel, Jr.
 Van Deusen, William I.
 Wade, Levi C.
 Washburn, John D.
 Webster, David L.
 White, James.
 Williams, Moses, Jr.
 Winship, Thomas.

Yeas, 73 ; nays, 42.

Bills :

Relating to the civil jurisdiction of the municipal courts
 of the city of Boston ; and

To provide for the appointment of a clerk in the probate
 office of the county of Suffolk ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent
 up for concurrence.

Bills:

To change the name of the East Randolph Cemetery Corporation; and

To incorporate the Glades Association;

Were severally passed to be engrossed in concurrence, the last named being sent up for concurrence in an amendment adopted by the House on its third reading.

The Resolves for the discontinuance of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor were further considered. Amendments moved by Mr. Hale of Boston were adopted; and, the yeas and nays being ordered on motion of Mr. Croak of Boston, the resolves as amended were passed to be engrossed by a vote of 118 yeas to 99 nays, as follows:—

YEAS.**Messrs. Abbe, James.**

Babson, John J.
Ballou, Monroe E.
Barry, Patrick.
Bartlett, James E. T.
Bowen, Francis C.
Bradley, Osgood, Jr.
Brownell, Lysander N.
Bryant, Orrin.
Burr, Isaac T.
Capron, Charles C.
Churchill, Gardner A.
Coggeshall, Henry F.
Cook, Horace.
Cook, John H.
Cordis, Thomas F.
Crocker, Elisha, Jr.
Curtiss, Albert W.
Dean, Herbert A.
Doane, Freeman.
Fish, William W.
Fisk, Luther.
Foque, Theodore N.
Fuller, Henry W.
Gardner, Charles L.
Granger, George W.
Hale, Charles.
Happgood, Lyman S.
Hartt, Joseph T.
Haskell, George.
Hathaway, Frederick.
Hathaway, Isaac N.
Hawks, Alanson K.

Messrs. Hicks, Samuel D.

Hill, Henry B.
Hill, John B.
Hitchings, Otis M.
Hoffman, Ira W.
Holley, Richard.
Howe, George F.
Hunt, Jonas S.
Ingalls, Ephraim A.
Jenks, Thomas L.
Keith, Ziba C.
Kellogg, Ensign H.
Kimball, Ensign.
Kingsbury, Joseph A.
Kirtland, Edwin L.
Knowles, John.
Lawrence, Daniel W.
Longley, Samuel.
Mackintosh, James.
March, Andrus.
Mayo, Edward F.
McCafferty, Matthew J.
McPherson, Eben'r M.
Miner, Henry S.
Mitchell, Joseph, 2d.
Morrill, George W.
Morse, Elijah A.
Moseley, Frederick P.
Murphy, Jeremiah.
Nichols, John B.
Noble, Reuben.
Norton, John B.
Nutter, Isaac N.

Messrs. Paul, Joseph F.
 Perry, George R.
 Pew, Charles H., 2d.
 Pillsbury, Albert E.
 Preston, David A.
 Putnam, Henry W.
 Read, Washington.
 Reed, George R.
 Richards, Charles W.
 Richmond, Jonathan C.
 Robinson, Wallace F.
 Root, Joseph H.
 Russell, Solomon N.
 Saunders, Amos J.
 Sawin, Samuel D.
 Searle, John F.
 Shattuck, Calvin W.
 Sherman, Elon.
 Small, Isaiah A.
 Smith, Newton.
 Smith, Webster.
 Snow, Samuel.
 Spaulding, Mark H.
 Stacey, Benjamin F.

Messrs. Stevens, James T.
 Sullivan, Michael.
 Supple, James F.
 Swett, Noah.
 Talbot, Samuel, Jr.
 Thayer, Davis, Jr.
 Tuttle, Henry G.
 Van Deusen, William I.
 Wade, Levi C.
 Walden, Edwin.
 Wallace, William S.
 Ward, Alanson W.
 Warren, Alonzo.
 Washburn, John D.
 Wetherell, John W.
 Whicher, John D.
 White, Benjamin.
 White, James.
 White, Joseph W.
 Whitney, Edward.
 Winslow, Isaac.
 Wood, Eliphas H.
 Woodward, James C.

NAYS.

Messrs. Alley, William A.
 Amsden, Edwin.
 Appell, J. Franklin.
 Atkinson, Michael.
 Ayer, Edwin.
 Bailey, Daniel D.
 Barker, Giles G.
 Bartlett, Daniel W.
 Batchelor, Benjamin S.
 Bates, Eliakim A.
 Bird, Warren A.
 Bird, Warren P.
 Breed, Amos F.
 Buckminster, Joseph.
 Bugbee, Francis.
 Chase, Frederick T.
 Clapp, Frederick W.
 Clapp, Lafayette.
 Clark, John P.
 Cobb, John D.
 Coburn, Edward.
 Croak, Michael J.
 Danforth, Charles H.
 Daniels, George F.

Messrs. Dean, Dallas J.
 Downer, Francis E.
 Estabrook, Adin C.
 Evans, Alonzo H.
 Fairbanks, George O.
 Fiske, Wesley L.
 Freeto, John.
 Fuller, Charles.
 Garity, Thomas R.
 Gifford, Benjamin.
 Gilmore, Onslow.
 Hall, Andrew.
 Hannum, Leander M.
 Hartwell, James D.
 Hawkes, Nathan M.
 Heywood, Samuel B.
 Hill, Joseph W.
 Holmes, Henry T.
 Howland, Weston.
 Huse, Caleb B.
 Jones, Jesse H.
 Keith, Ambrose.
 Kendall, Edward.
 Kennedy, Patrick.

Messrs. Kimball, Moses.	Messrs. Rust, Nathaniel J.
King, William S.	Sawyer, Ebenezer.
Knapp, Joel.	Sawyer, Enoch.
Knowlton, Henry C.	Seymour, Stephen E.
Knowlton, Hosea M.	Shattuck, Elijah C.
Lee, Henry.	Slade, Albion K.
Loud, Charles A.	Sleeper, Solomon S.
Mann, Seth, 2d.	Smith, Andrew.
Merritt, Christopher C.	Southwick, John R.
Merritt, George W.	Stone, Frederick M.
Morse, William.	Swett, Jackson B.
Murphy, John J.	Taylor, Charles A.
Nelson, Sherman.	Taylor, Oliver.
Noonan, Daniel.	Truell, Byron.
Nourse, B. Alden.	Wadsworth, Alexander.
Osborn, Weaver.	Waterman, Eleazer E.
Osgood, Charles S.	Watts, William.
Owen, Harvey M.	Webster, David L.
Parker, Frederick.	Wellington, Austin C.
Parker, George G.	Wetherbee, John.
Pope, Charles G.	Williams, Moses, Jr.
Prouty, David.	Wilson, George C.
Read, Henry C.	Wing, Daniel.
Reed, George W.	Winship, Thomas.
Rice, Charles B.	Woods, William.
Ropes, Joseph S.	

Yeas, 118 ; nays, 99.

Sent up for concurrence.

At 5.15, adjourned.

MONDAY, March 13, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Batchelor of New Bedford, a member of the House.

Registration
report.

On motion of Mr. Webster of Boston, the Thirty-third Annual Registration Report was taken from the files of the House and referred to the committee on Bureau of Statistics.

Sent up for concurrence.

Petitions Presented.

Watertown and
Newton.

By Mr. Burr of Newton, petition of L. P. Gerould and others in aid of the petition of H. D. Bassett and others

for the annexation of a part of Watertown to Newton. Referred to the committee on Towns, and sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Hale of Boston, petitions of the mayor of Boston—Ward 22 for an Act authorizing the division of Ward 22 in said city, and for an Act relative to ward officers in Boston. Ward officers.

Under the 20th joint rule, these petitions were severally referred to the next General Court.

Papers from the Senate.

Notice was received of the rejection by the Senate of the House Bill relating to the term of office of enginemen and other members of fire departments. Enginemen.

The Bill relating to solitary imprisonment, passed to be engrossed in concurrence, with amendments, by the House, came down with an amendment to the House amendments, in which the House concurred. Solitary imprisonment.

A Resolve in favor of Abby A. Dike of Stoneham, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred in course to the committee on Finance. Abby A. Dike.

The report of the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of the selectmen of Weymouth for leave to take water from Great Pond, accepted by the Senate, was read and accepted in concurrence under a suspension of the rule. Weymouth.

The report of the committee on Manufactures, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to providing for inspectors to examine engineers, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Engineers.

Bills :

To extend the time authorizing the city of Worcester to lay out a public park, and to establish and maintain a reservoir; Worcester park.

In addition to an Act to supply the city of Newton with pure water; Newton water supply.

Concerning the rebuilding in part of the Newburyport and Salisbury bridge; and Newburyport and Salisbury bridge.

To extend the charter of the Mercantile Wharf Corporation in the city of Boston; Mercantile Wharf Corporation.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read and ordered to a second reading.

*Bills Enacted.***Bills enacted.****Engrossed bills :**

Concerning the obstructions to the passage of fish in the tributaries of the Connecticut and Merrimack rivers ;

(Which originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Relating to the employment of children, and regulations respecting them ; and

In relation to text-books in the public schools ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

*Reports of Committees.***Crows and hawks.**

By Mr. Granger of Tolland, from the committee on Agriculture, leave to withdraw, on the petitions of Wm. B. Trapper and others, and S. H. Macomber and others, severally for legislation authorizing towns to offer a bounty for the destruction of crows and hawks. Read, accepted under suspension of the rule, and sent up for concurrence.

Returns of estates sold under mortgage.

By Mr. Hale of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Resolve relative to returns of estates sold under a power-of-sale mortgage, the amount of loans thereon and the time and interest of the same, ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on its rejection.

Pilgrim Evangelical Society of Southborough.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, that the Senate Bill to authorize the Pilgrim Evangelical Society in Southborough to hold real estate for parsonage purposes ought to pass with an amendment. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the main question being on passing it to be engrossed.

Attorneys-at-law.

By Mr. Pierce of Milton, from the same committee, that the Senate Bill concerning the admission of persons to practice as attorneys-at-law ought to pass with an amendment.

Bird and dog fights.

By Mr. Washburn of Worcester, from the same committee, that the Senate Bill to suppress exhibitions of the fighting of birds, dogs and other animals ought to pass.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

Boston laws and ordinances.

By Mr. Hale of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to providing that the printed ordinances of the city of

Boston may be cited in the courts without any further proof as to their authenticity than is required as to the General Statutes.

By Mr. Pierce of Milton, from the same committee, Married women.
inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to the right of married women to dispose of property by will.

By Mr. Langley of Shirley, from the committee on Peddlers.
Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petitions (recommitted) of John Jennings and 203 others, and Elijah Holmes and others, severally for amendment of section 13 of chapter 50 of the General Statutes, relative to unlicensed peddlers.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

By Mr. Hale of Boston, from the committee on the Boston municipal courts.
Judiciary, on an Order relative to changing the boundary lines of the districts of the several municipal courts in Boston, and to the clerks thereof, a Bill relating to the several municipal courts in the city of Boston.

By Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, from the same committee, on New Bedford charter.
a petition, a Bill to amend the charter of the city of New Bedford.

By Mr. Pierce of Milton, from the same committee, on Capital sentences.
an Order relative to amending the laws relative to the time of execution of the sentences of persons convicted of capital crimes, a Bill to regulate the execution of capital sentences.

By Mr. Knowlton of New Bedford, from the committee New Bedford Marine Insurance Co.
on Insurance, on a petition, a Bill to incorporate the New Bedford Marine Insurance Company.

By Mr. Jones of Abington, from the committee on Factory inspectors.
Bureau of Statistics, on an Order relative to accidents and fire-escapes in factories, and the enforcement of the laws relating to the employment and schooling of children and minors, a Bill to establish a board of factory inspectors.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Taken from the Table.

On motion of Mr. Rice of Danvers, the Resolve in favor Scituate.
of the town of Scituate. Read a third time, amended on motion of the same gentleman, passed to be engrossed as amended, and sent up for concurrence.

Orders of the Day.

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Reports :

Of the committee on the Liquor Law, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to amending section 16 of the law to regulate the sale of intoxicating liquor ;

Of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Margaret J. Lincoln for state aid ;

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Andrew Clark, guardian of Gilbert Keen, for state aid ;

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of William Walsh for relief for injuries sustained by suits instituted in his absence in the service of the United States ;

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Azubah M. Bardwell for state aid ;

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Collin Perrin for state aid ;

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Captain D. J. Gorman and officers of the 9th Regiment, M. V. M., for compensation for belts ;

Of the committee on Prisons, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to repealing chapter 370 of the Acts of 1870, in relation to the appointment of commissioners of prisons ;

Of the committee on Harbors, leave to withdraw, on the petition of J. F. Taylor and others, for a draw in the bridge crossing Charles River from Western Avenue to Arsenal Street, in Watertown ;

Of the committee on Banks and Banking, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Wm. B. Greene and others, for the repeal of the law forbidding the issue of bank-notes by private persons ; and

Of the committee on Agriculture, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to salaries paid under direction of the Board of Agriculture ;

Were severally accepted, and sent up for concurrence.

Reports :

Of the committee on Roads and Bridges, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of Amos Adams and 38 others, for freeing the Connecticut River bridge between Montague and Deerfield ;

Of the committee on Education, no legislation necessary, on the report of the trustees of the Massachusetts Asylum for the Blind ; and

Of the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to the organization of the first regular meetings of school districts ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Bills :

To regulate the assessment of poll-taxes ;

To authorize the appointment and to define the duties of a harbor-master for the port of Salem ; and

To incorporate the Massachusetts Family Bank (amended on motion of Mr. Knowlton of New Bedford) ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

Concerning appointments by the mayor and aldermen in cities ;

In relation to connecting railroads ;

In relation to the appointment of special commissions for alteration of railroad crossings ; and

Relating to the subscriptions of towns and cities to the capital stock and securities of railroad corporations ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to confirm certain leases and agreements between the Somerville Horse Railroad Company, the Middlesex Railroad Company, and the Union Railway Company was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Bill to regulate the taking of fish in North River in the county of Plymouth was read a third time, and laid on the table, on motion of Mr. King of Boston.

The Bill in relation to signs at railroad crossings was read a third time, and after debate was rejected.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition of James and Ellen E. Parton, for legalization of their marriage contract, and a petition in aid of the same, was considered. Mr. Kimball of Boston moved to amend by substituting a Bill to confirm the marriage of James Parton and Ellen Willis Eldredge. On motion of Mr. Daniels of Oxford, the report with the pending amendment, was laid on the table.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to amending sections 1 and 2 of chapter 106 of the General Statutes, relative to marriage between certain relations, was further considered. The pending motion of Mr. Osgood of Salem, to amend by substituting a Bill to amend sections 1 and 2

of chapter 106 of the General Statutes, relative to marriage between certain relations was carried, and the bill, having been read once, was placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

The Order substituted yesterday for the report of the committee on Elections in the matter of the seat as representative from the Fifth Suffolk District, was considered. Mr. Sleeper of Cambridge moved to reconsider the vote by which the order was substituted for the report. The motion prevailed, and the question recurring on the substitution of the order, it was rejected, and the report of the committee giving the petitioners leave to withdraw was accepted.

At 4.20, adjourned.

TUESDAY, March 14, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Hawkes Brook.

Mr. Hitchings of Saugus presented the remonstrance of William H. Newhall and 288 others against the petition of the mayor of Lynn for authority to take water from Hawkes Brook. Referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, and sent up for concurrence.

Motions to Reconsider.

Town and city
subscriptions to
railroads.

Mr. Williams of Brookline moved to reconsider the vote by which the Bill relating to the subscriptions of towns and cities to the capital stock and securities of railroad corporations was yesterday passed to be engrossed. After debate, the motion was lost.

Fifth Suffolk
District.

Mr. Moseley of Boston moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the House yesterday accepted the report of the committee on Elections in the matter of the Fifth Suffolk Representative District. After debate, the House refused to reconsider.

Papers from the Senate.

Reports :

Inspection of
fish.

Of the committee on the Fisheries, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to the inspection of fish ;

Of the committee on Towns, leave to withdraw, on the petition of John P. Squire and others for a change of boundary between Somerville and Cambridge; and

Of the committee on Railroads, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to passenger and freight tariffs on railroads;

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

A Resolve in favor of William S. Greene of Fall River; and a

Bill in relation to the crossing of railroads by highways at grade;

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and ordered to a second reading; the former under suspension of the 42d rule.

Bill Enacted.

An engrossed Bill to amend chapter 180 of the Acts of the year 1875, relative to the seining of fish in Hummock Pond, on the Island of Nantucket (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves:

In favor of Mary Luddy; and

In favor of the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;)

Were severally passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Miner of Phillipston, from the committee on Claims, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of C. J. Hinkson.

By Mr. Churchill of Boston, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, on the report of the trustees of the State Reform School at Westborough, a Resolve providing for heating, lighting, and furnishing the addition to the State Reform School at Westborough.

Severally read and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Finance.

By Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Bill (on leave) relating to the Second District Court of Bristol ought not to pass. Placed in

the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on its rejection.

Norris Chamberlain.

By Mr. H. B. Hill of Boston, from the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Norris Chamberlain for state aid.

T. J. Burns.

By Mr. Hawks of Shelburne, from the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Timothy J. Burns for state aid.

People's Savings Bank of Fitchburg.

By Mr. Wetherell of Worcester, from the committee on Banks and Banking, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of Samuel E. Crocker and 52 others for incorporation as the People's Savings Bank of Fitchburg.

Lanesborough M. E. Church.

By Mr. Slade of Fall River, from the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, leave to withdraw on the petition of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Lanesborough for a share of a certain fund.

J. H. Look.

By Mr. Croak of Boston, from the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of James H. Look for compensation for damages sustained by reason of unjustifiable arrest by a state constable. (See House Doc. No. 169.)

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

The following reports were accepted under suspension of the rule :—

By Mr. Partridge of Medway, from the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures,—

Expenditures of district courts.

On so much of the general order relating to salaries and expenditures as refers to the salaries and expenditures of the district and municipal courts ; and

Second Bristol District Court.

On the petition of James M. Morton and others for increase of the salaries of the justice and clerk of the Second District Court of Bristol ;

Asking that they be discharged from further consideration of the same, and recommending that they be referred to the committee on District Courts.

Sent up for concurrence in the references.

Broad-rimmed wheels.

By Mr. Mayo of Warwick, from the committee on Agriculture, on the petition of Thomas M. James and 120 others for a law requiring the use of broad-rimmed wheels by loaded teams, and on a communication from the Secretary of the Board of Agriculture on the same subject, taken from the Senate files, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the same, and recommending

that they be referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, from the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to amending section 49 of chapter 134 of the General Statutes, relating to proceedings to quiet title to real estate ; and

Leave to withdraw, on the petition of John H. Cogswell and others, that the town of Ipswich may be authorized to raise money by taxation for celebrating the 242d anniversary of its settlement.

By Mr. Rust of Boston, from the committee on Finance, that the Resolve in favor of Eliza Brown of Dover ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

By Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the same committee, that the Bill making appropriations for certain educational purposes ought to pass in a new draft.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, that the Bill making appropriations for the expenses of the State Almshouse, the State Primary School at Monson, the State Prison, the Reform School at Westborough, the Industrial School at Lancaster, the Bridgewater Workhouse, the State Detective Force, and for other purposes, (recommitted to the committee with instructions) ought to pass in a new draft with the same title.

By Mr. Wade of Newton, from the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures, on an Order relative to paying by salary certain officers now paid by fees, a Bill to ascertain the amount of fees received by clerks of courts, registers of probate and insolvency, registers of deeds, sheriffs, and deputy sheriffs.

By Mr. Nutter of East Bridgewater, from the same committee, on a general order relating to salaries and expenditures, a Bill to fix the compensation of the Commissioners on Inland Fisheries.

By Mr. Hale of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, on a petition, a Bill in addition to chapter 371 of the Acts of the year 1872, relating to the regulation and inspection of buildings in Boston.

By Mr. Truell of Lawrence, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on a report (inexpedient) of committee on the Judiciary, on an order, a Bill concerning the duties

of assessors in relation to the taxation of personal property.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading, the 42d rule being suspended in case of the bill relative to the Commissioners on Inland Fisheries.

Factory inspectors.

Mr. Hale of Boston raised the point that the Bill to establish a board of factory inspectors, which was yesterday ordered to a second reading, involved the expenditure of public money; and the bill was accordingly discharged from the orders of the day and referred under Rule 42 to the committee on Finance.

Orders of the Day.

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Reports :

Of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to providing that the printed ordinances of the city of Boston may be cited in the courts without any further proof as to their authenticity than is required as to the General Statutes; and

Of the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to the right of married women to dispose of their property by will;

Were severally accepted.

The report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petitions (recommitted) of John Jennings and others, and Elijah Holmes and others, severally for amendment of section 13 of chapter 50 of the General Statutes, relative to unlicensed peddlers, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Manufactures, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to providing for inspectors to examine engineers, was accepted in concurrence.

The Resolve relative to returns of estates sold under a power-of-sale mortgage, the amount of loans thereon and the time and interest of the same, was rejected, as recommended by the committee on the Judiciary.

Bills :

To incorporate the New Bedford Marine Insurance Company;

Relating to the several municipal courts in the city of Boston;

To amend the charter of the city of New Bedford;

To regulate the execution of capital sentences;

To extend the time authorizing the city of Worcester to lay out a public park, and to establish and maintain a reservoir ;

In addition to an Act to supply the city of Newton with pure water ;

Concerning the rebuilding in part of the Newburyport and Salisbury bridge ;

To extend the charter of the Mercantile Wharf Corporation in the city of Boston ;

To suppress exhibitions of the fighting of birds, dogs and other animals ; and

Concerning the admission of persons to practice as attorneys-at-law (amended as recommended by the committee on the Judiciary) ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To authorize the appointment and to define the duties of a harbor-master for the port of Salem ; and

To incorporate the Massachusetts Family Bank (amended on motion of Mr. Knowlton of New Bedford) ;

Were severally passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to authorize the Pilgrim Evangelical Society in Southborough to hold real estate for parsonage purposes was amended as recommended by the committee on the Judiciary, passed to be engrossed in concurrence, and sent up for concurrence in the amendment.

The Bill to regulate the assessment of poll-taxes was read a third time. Mr. Hartt of South Scituate moved to amend by substituting a Resolve providing for an amendment of the Constitution in relation to the payment of a tax as a condition of the right to vote. Pending this motion, and an amendment moved by Mr. Ropes of Boston, further consideration of the bill was postponed until to-morrow, and the resolve offered as a substitute was ordered to be printed.

The Bill to amend sections 1 and 2 of chapter 106 of the General Statutes, relative to marriage between certain relations, was read and considered. After debate, the yeas and nays being ordered on motion of Mr. Pierce of Milton, the bill was refused a third reading by a vote of 55 yeas to 133 nays, as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. Amsden, Edwin.

Appell, J. Franklin.

Atkinson, Michael.

Ayer, Edwin.

Bailey, Daniel D.

Ballou, Monroe E.

Bartlett, James E. T.

Bird, Warren A.

Bird, Warren P.

Clapp, Frederick W.

Converse, Charles S.

Cordis, Thomas F.

Dean, Herbert A.

Estabrook, Adin C.

Fisk, Luther.

Foque, Theodore N.

Granger, George W.

Hannum, Leander M.

Hapgood, Lyman S.

Hathaway, Isaac N.

Hawkes, Nathan M.

Heywood, Samuel R.

Hill, Henry B.

Hill, John B.

Holmes, Henry T.

Huse, Caleb B.

Ingalls, Ephraim A.

Kimball, Moses.

Messrs. Kingsbury, Joseph A.

Knowlton, Henry C.

Knowlton, Hosea M.

Mackintosh, James.

Morrill, George W.

Moseley, Frederick P.

Nelson, Sherman.

Noble, Reuben.

Noonan, Daniel.

Osborn, Weaver.

Osgood, Charles S.

Owen, Harvey M.

Perry, George R.

Pillsbury, Albert E.

Preston, David A.

Putnam, Henry W.

Read, Henry C.

Reed, George W.

Richmond, Jonathan C.

Seymour, Stephen E.

Shattuck, Calvin W.

Swett, Jackson B.

Tuttle, Henry G.

Van Deusen, William L.

Warren, Alonzo.

Whicher, John D.

Williams, Moses, Jr.

NAYS.

Messrs. Abbe, James.

Adams, Ebenezer.

Allen, Stillman B.

Alley, William A.

Babson, John J.

Barry, Patrick.

Batchelor, Benjamin S.

Bowen, Francis C.

Breed, Amos F.

Brownell, Lysander N.

Bryant, Orrin.

Burr, Isaac T.

Carney, Michael.

Chase, Frederick T.

Cobb, John D.

Coburn, Edward.

Coggeshall, Henry F.

Cook, Horace.

Cook, John H.

Messrs. Croak, Michael J.

Crocker, Elisha, Jr.

Curtiss, Albert W.

Danforth, Charles H.

Dennis, Henry, Jr.

Doane, Freeman.

Downer, Francis E.

Fairbanks, George O.

Fish, William W.

Fiske, Wesley L.

Freeto, John.

Gibbons, John M.

Gilmore, Onslow.

Gleason, Samuel S.

Goodsell, Curtis B.

Hale, Charles.

Hall, Andrew.

Hartt, Joseph T.

Hartwell, James D.

Messrs. Haskell, George.
 Hawks, Alanson K.
 Hicks, Samuel D.
 Hitchings, Otis M.
 Hoffman, Ira W.
 Holley, Richard.
 Howe, George F.
 Howland, Weston.
 Jenks, Thomas L.
 Jones, Jesse H.
 Keith, Ambrose.
 Keith, Monroe.
 Kellogg, Ensign H.
 Kendall, Edward.
 Kennedy, Patrick.
 Kimball, Ensign.
 King, William S.
 Kirtland, Edwin L.
 Knowles, John.
 Lawrence, Daniel W.
 Lee, Henry.
 Lindsey, Nathaniel E.
 Longley, Samuel.
 Loud, Charles A.
 Mann, Seth, 2d.
 March, Andrus.
 Mayo, Edward F.
 McCafferty, Matthew J.
 McPherson, Eben'r M.
 Merritt, Christopher C.
 Miner, Henry S.
 Morissey, John.
 Morse, Elijah A.
 Murphy, Jeremiah.
 Murphy, John J.
 Nichols, John B.
 Norton, John B.
 Nourse, B. Alden.
 Nutter, Isaac N.
 Parker, Frederick.
 Partridge, David A.
 Paul, Joseph F.
 Pew, Charles H., 2d.
 Pierce, Edward L.
 Pope, Charles G.
 Read, Charles H.
 Read, Washington.
 Reynolds, Rice M.

Messrs. Rice, Charles B.
 Richards, Charles W.
 Rogers, Charles A.
 Root, Joseph H.
 Ropes, Joseph S.
 Russell, Solomon N.
 Sandford, Addison.
 Sawin, Samuel D.
 Sawyer, Ebenezer.
 Searle, John F.
 Sherman, Elon.
 Small, Isaiah A.
 Smith, Andrew.
 Smith, Newton.
 Smith, Robert D.
 Smith, Webster.
 Snow, Samuel.
 Southwick, John R.
 Stevens, James T.
 Stone, Frederick M.
 Sullivan, Michael.
 Supple, James F.
 Swett, Noah.
 Talbot, Samuel, Jr.
 Taylor, Charles A.
 Taylor, Oliver.
 Thayer, Davis, Jr.
 Truell, Byron.
 Wade, Levi C.
 Wadsworth, Alexander.
 Walden, Edwin.
 Washburn, John D.
 Waterman, Eleazer E.
 Watts, William.
 Webster, David L.
 Wellington, Austin C.
 Wetherbee, John.
 Wetherell, John W.
 White, Benjamin.
 White, James.
 White, Joseph W.
 Whitney, Edward.
 Wilson, George C.
 Wilson, John G.
 Wing, Daniel.
 Winship Thomas.
 Wood, Eliphaz H.

Taken from the Table.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, the report of the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition of James and Ellen E. Parton, for legalization of their marriage contract, and a petition in aid of the same. Pending its consideration, the House

At 4.48, adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, March 15, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain of the Senate.

Committee on
Banks and
Banking.

On motion of Mr. Stone of Waltham, the committee on Banks and Banking was authorized to report upon certain matters in print.

Adjournment.

The consideration of a motion of Mr. Nutter of East Bridgewater, that when the House adjourns on Thursday, it be to meet on Friday at 11 o'clock, A. M., was postponed until to-morrow on motion of Mr. Pierce of Milton.

Petitions Presented.

Broad-rimmed
wheels.

By Mr. White of Raynham, petition of Oliver Ames and 29 others for a law requiring the use of broad-rimmed wheels by loaded teams.

Turner's Falls
Bridge.

By Mr. Root of Montague, remonstrance of A. E. Dean and 32 others against any further appropriation for the construction of a highway and bridge at Turner's Falls.

Severally referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

First District
Court of South-
ern Worcester.

By Mr. Parker of Milford, petition of Moses Barnes, Jr., and others, against the abolition of the First District Court of Southern Worcester. Referred to the committee on District Courts.

Taxation.

By Mr. Ballou of Becket, petition of A. T. Pierce and others for just and equal taxation. Referred to the committee on Taxation of Church Property.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Putnam of Salem,—

Ordered, That there be printed for the use of the

Legislature five hundred extra copies of the report and evidence in the matter of the investigations of the Eastern Railroad. Eastern Railroad investigation.

Referred under the rule to the committee on Printing, and sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Notice was received from the Senate of the rejection by that branch of the House Bill relating to constables in the city of Boston. Boston constables.

The report of the committee on Prisons, no legislation necessary, on the communication from His Excellency the Governor transmitting a list of pardons granted during the year 1875, accepted by the Senate, was read and accepted in concurrence, under a suspension of the rule. Pardons.

Reports :

Of the committee on Towns, leave to withdraw, on the petition of George Griggs and others for the annexation of the town of Brookline to Boston, and a petition in aid of the same ; and Brookline and Boston.

Of the committee on the Liquor Law, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to amending chapter 99 of the Acts of 1875, so that licenses shall not be granted to persons to sell liquors near municipal boundary lines, except through joint action of the adjacent municipalities ; Liquor sales.

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

A Resolve in favor of Albert F. Howland of Acushnet, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred in course to the committee on Finance. A. F. Howland.

A Bill to incorporate the Citizens' Exchange of Worcester, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading. Worcester Citizens' Exchange.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, from the committee on the Judiciary, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of the selectmen of Medford for an Act to provide for the prevention and abatement of nuisances, and for the preservation of the public health in said town. Medford.

By Mr. Truell of Lawrence, from the committee on Bureau of Statistics, no legislation necessary, on the Thirty-third Annual Registration Report. Registration Report.

Amended orthography.

By Mr. Clapp of Easthampton, from the committee on Education, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to adopting an amended orthography of the public documents hereafter to be printed.

Severally accepted under suspension of the rule, and the last two sent up for concurrence.

J. H. Eldredge.

By Mr. Buckminster of New Bedford, from the committee on Claims, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of Joshua H. Eldredge of Boston.

Samuel Easter.

By Mr. Saunders of Pepperell, from the same committee, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of Samuel Easter of Boston.

Discharged female prisoners.

By Mr. Carney of Boston, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, that the Resolve (on leave) for the purpose of assisting discharged female prisoners ought to pass.

Severally referred in course to the committee on Finance, the first two being read.

Power-of-sale mortgages.

By Mr. Smith of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Bill (on leave) in relation to the sale of real estate under mortgages containing a power of sale ought not to pass.

Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on its rejection.

Reports, leave to withdraw :

Damages on highways.

By Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of Eugene Field and others for legislation limiting the liabilities of towns for damages sustained on the highways ;

Wellfleet eels.

By Mr. Merritt of Scituate, from the committee on the Fisheries, on the petitions of R. H. Libby and 61 others, W. C. Newcomb and 47 others, and A. W. Holbrook and 19 others, severally in regard to the taking of eels in the waters of the town of Wellfleet ;

Teachers' associations.

By Mr. Clapp of Easthampton, from the committee on Education, on the petition of the president of the Middlesex County Teachers' Association for a change of the laws with reference to state aid to teachers' associations ; and

Boston Hotel Co.

By Mr. Sawin of Boston, from the committee on Railroads, on the petition of Marshall P. Wilder and 16 others for incorporation as the Boston Hotel Company, with authority to build a branch railroad track ; and

Reports, inexpedient to legislate :

By Mr. Smith of Lexington, from the committee on Game.
Agriculture, on an Order relative to amending section 6
of chapter 304 of the Acts of 1870, concerning the selling
of game ;

By Mr. Babson of Gloucester, from the committee on Deposits in
savings banks.
Banks and Banking, on an Order relative to the taxa-
tion of deposits of over five hundred dollars in savings
banks ;

By Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, from the committee on the Taxes for high-
way repairs.
Judiciary, on an Order relative to amending the laws
relating to the assessment of taxes for highway repairs ;

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, on Burial permits.
an Order relative to amending chapter 21 of the General
Statutes, in relation to burial permits ;

By Mr. Washburn of Worcester, from the same com- Tax collectors.
mittee, on an Order relative to amendment of section 2 of
chapter 12 of the General Statutes, concerning collectors
of taxes ;

By Mr. Gardner of Palmer, from the same committee, Claims for dam-
ages on high-
ways.
on an Order relative to making void all claims for damages
from defects in highways unless notice is given within a
certain time ;

By Mr. Pierce of Milton, from the same committee, on School districts.
an Order relative to taxation in school districts ; and

By Mr. Smith of Boston, from the same committee, on Record of mort-
gages.
an Order relative to limiting the time when mortgages of
real estate shall be recorded to be valid against creditors
of the mortgagor ;

Were severally read and placed in the orders of the
day for to-morrow.

By Mr. Wade of Newton, from the committee on Oils.
Mercantile Affairs, on an order, a Bill in relation to the
inspection, storage and sale of illuminating oils made from
petroleum and coal and their products.

By Mr. Nutter of East Bridgewater, from the committee State charitable
and reformatory
institutions.
on State Salaries and Expenditures, on the general order
relating to salaries, etc., a Resolve in relation to state
almshouses, asylums and reformatory institutions.

By Mr. Ingalls of Lynn, from the same committee, on Overseers of
houses of cor-
rection.
the same, a Bill to abolish the office of overseers of the
houses of correction.

By Mr. Lawrence of Medford, from the committee on Agcord Pond,
Hingham.
Water Supply and Drainage, on a petition concerning

Accord Pond, a Bill to supply the town of Hingham with pure water.

Support of persons committed to State Industrial School and Reform School.

By Mr. Churchill of Boston, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, on the report of the Board of State Charities, in part, a Bill relating to the support of persons committed to the State Industrial School and the State Reform School.

Inclosed lands.

By Mr. Nourse of Westborough, from the committee on Agriculture, to whom was recommitted the Bill for the further protection of inclosed land, that the same ought to pass in a new draft, entitled a Bill to secure land from trespassers.

Reports of the committee on the Judiciary :

Divorce.

By Mr. Smith of Boston, that the Bill (on leave) to amend chapter 107 of the General Statutes, relating to divorce, ought to pass in a new draft entitled a Bill relating to the granting of divorces on petitions from inhabitants of this State.

Witnesses.

By the same gentleman, on an Order relative to amending chapter 393 of the Acts of 1870, a Bill in relation to witnesses.

Coroners' inquests.

By Mr. Pierce of Milton, on so much of the annual report of the Attorney-General as relates to coroners' inquests, a Bill to regulate inquests on dead bodies.

Night-walkers.

By the same gentleman, on a petition, a Bill relating to night-walkers.

Steamboats.

By Mr. Washburn of Worcester, on an order, a Bill to regulate the use of steamboats for the conveyance of passengers.

Reservoirs, etc.

By the same gentleman, on a Bill in relation to reservoirs and lands owned by cities and towns in connection with their water supply, reported by the committee on Water Supply and Drainage on a petition of the mayor of Boston, a Bill in relation to reservoirs and lands connected with the water supply of cities and towns.

Sales of land on execution.

By Mr. Allen of Boston, that the Bill (recommitted) to amend chapter 103 of the General Statutes and chapter 188 of the Acts of the year 1874, relating to sales of land on execution, ought to pass in a new draft, with the same title.

Boston ward officers.

By Mr. Hale of Boston, on an order, a Bill relating to ward officers in the city of Boston.

Illegal voting.

By the same gentleman, on an order, a Bill to punish illegal voting, and to secure the purity of elections.

By the same gentleman, on an Order relative to amend- Voting-lists.
ing the charter of the city of Boston with regard to
residence of voters and preparation of voting-lists, a Bill
relating to the preparation of the voting-lists and elections
in cities.

By the same gentleman, on an order relative to amend- Ballots.
ing sections 35 and 42 of chapter 376 of the Acts of 1874,
relating to elections, and a bill (on leave) relating to the
preservation and recount of ballots, a Bill in addition to
an Act relating to elections.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Discharged from the Orders.

On motion of Mr. Nutter of East Bridgewater, the Bill Fish Commis-
sioners.
to fix the compensation of the Commissioners on Inland
Fisheries was discharged from the orders of the day, and,
on motion of the same gentleman, was recommitted to the
committee on State Salaries and Expenditures.

Orders of the Day.

Reports :

Of the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies,
leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Methodist Epis-
copal Church in Lanesborough for a share of a certain
fund ;

Of the committee on Banks and Banking, reference to
the next General Court, on the petition of S. E. Crocker
and 52 others for incorporation as the People's Savings
Bank of Fitchburg ;

Of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the
petition of Norris Chamberlain for state aid ;

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the peti-
tion of James H. Look for compensation for damages sus-
tained by reason of unjustifiable arrest by a state constable ; and

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the peti-
tion of Timothy J. Burns for state aid ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Reports :

Of the committee on Railroads, inexpedient to legislate,
on an Order relative to regulating passenger and freight
tariffs on railroads ;

Of the committee on the Fisheries, inexpedient to legis-
late, on an Order relative to the inspection of fish ; and

Of the committee on Towns, leave to withdraw, on the petition of John P. Squire and others for a change of boundary between Somerville and Cambridge;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Bills :

To ascertain the amount of fees received by clerks of courts, registers of probate and insolvency, registers of deeds, sheriffs and deputy sheriffs;

Concerning the duties of assessors in relation to the taxation of personal property;

In addition to chapter 371 of the Acts of the year 1872, relating to the regulation and inspection of buildings in Boston;

In relation to the crossing of railroads by highways at grade; and

Making appropriations for certain educational purposes; and

Resolves :

In favor of Eliza Brown of Dover; and

In favor of William S. Greene of Fall River;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To incorporate the New Bedford Marine Insurance Company;

Relating to the several municipal courts in the city of Boston; and

To amend the charter of the city of New Bedford;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

Concerning the admission of persons to practice as attorneys-at-law;

To extend the time authorizing the city of Worcester to lay out a public park, and to establish and maintain a reservoir;

In addition to an Act to supply the town of Newton with pure water;

Concerning the rebuilding in part of the Newburyport and Salisbury bridge;

To extend the charter of the Mercantile Wharf Corporation in the city of Boston; and

To suppress exhibitions of the fighting of birds, dogs and other animals;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill (on leave) relating to the Second District Court of Bristol was rejected, as recommended by the committee on the Judiciary.

The Bill making appropriations for the expenses of the State Almshouse, the State Primary School at Monson, the State Prison, the Reform School at Westborough, the Industrial School at Lancaster, the Bridgewater Workhouse, the State Detective Force, and for other purposes, was read a second time, and amended on motion of Mr. Miner of Phillipston. Pending amendments moved by Messrs. Croak of Boston and Miner of Phillipston, the bill was laid on the table on motion of Mr. Wade of Newton.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition of James and Ellen E. Parton, for legalization of their marriage contract, and a petition in aid of the same, was further considered. After debate, the yeas and nays being ordered on motion of Mr. Lee of Boston, the pending motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston to amend by substituting a Bill to confirm the marriage of James Parton and Ellen Willis Eldredge was carried by a vote of 105 yeas to 92 nays, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Allen, Stillman B.
Amsden, Edwin.
Appell, J. Franklin.
Atkinson, Michael.
Ayer, Edwin.
Bailey, Daniel D.
Ballou, Monroe E.
Barry, Patrick.
Bartlett, Daniel W.
Bartlett, James E. T.
Bates, Eliakim A.
Bird, Warren A.
Bird, Warren P.
Bryant, Orrin.
Buckminster, Joseph.
Capron, Charles C.
Churchill, Gardner A.
Clapp, Lafayette.
Coburn, Edward.
Coggsball, Henry F.
Converse, Charles S.

Messrs. Cook, Horace.
Cook, John H.
Cordis, Thomas F.
Croak, Michael J.
Crocker, Elisha, Jr.
Curtiss, Albert W.
Danforth, Charles H.
Dean, Herbert A.
Estabrook, Adin C.
Evans, Alonzo H.
Foque, Theodore N.
Gibbons, John M.
Goodsell, Curtis B.
Hannum, Leander M.
Hapgood, Lyman S.
Hartwell, James D.
Hathaway, Frederick.
Hathaway, Isaac N.
Hawkes, Nathan M.
Hawks, Alanson K.
Heywood, Samuel R.

Messrs. Hill, John B.
 Hill, Joseph W.
 Holmes, Henry T.
 Howland, Weston.
 Keith, Ambrose.
 Kennedy, Patrick.
 Kimball, Ensign.
 Kimball, Moses.
 King, William S.
 Knapp, Joel.
 Knowlton, Henry C.
 Longley, Samuel.
 Mackintosh, James.
 Mayo, Edward F.
 Morrill, George W.
 Nelson, Sherman.
 Noble, Reuben.
 Noonan, Daniel.
 Norton, John B.
 Nutter, Isaac N.
 Osborn, Weaver.
 Owen, Harvey M.
 Parker, Frederick.
 Perry, George R.
 Pew, Charles H., 2d.
 Phinney, Stephen C.
 Preston, David A.
 Prouty, David.
 Read, Henry C.
 Reed, George R.
 Robinson, Wallace F.
 Root, Joseph H.

Messrs. Rust, Nathaniel J.
 Sandford, Addison.
 Saunders, Amos J.
 Sawin, Samuel D.
 Sawyer, Ebenezer.
 Sawyer, Enoch.
 Searle, John F.
 Shattuck, Calvin W.
 Shattuck, Elijah C.
 Sherman, Elon.
 Slade, Albion K.
 Smith, Newton.
 Smith, Webster.
 Stacey, Benjamin F.
 Stevens, James T.
 Swett, Jackson B.
 Taylor, Charles A.
 Taylor, Oliver.
 Truell, Byron.
 Tuttle, Henry G.
 Van Deusen, William L.
 Ward, Alanson W.
 Warren, Alonzo.
 Waterman, Eleazer E.
 Webster, David L.
 Wellington, Austin C.
 Whicher, John D.
 White, Benjamin.
 Whitney, Edward.
 Winship, Thomas.
 Wood, Eliphaz H.

NAYS.

Messrs. Alley, William A.
 Babson, John J.
 Batchelor, Benjamin S.
 Bowen, Francis C.
 Breed, Amos F.
 Brownell, Lysander N.
 Burr, Isaac T.
 Carney, Michael.
 Clark, John P.
 Cobb, John D.
 Daniels, George F.
 Dean, Dallas J.
 Dennis, Henry, Jr.
 Doane, Freeman.
 Downer, Francis E.
 Fisk, Luther.

Messrs. Fiske, Wesley L.
 Freeto, John.
 Fuller, Charles.
 Fuller, Henry W.
 Gardner, Charles L.
 Gargan, Thomas J.
 Garity, Thomas R.
 Gifford, Benjamin.
 Gilmore, Onslow.
 Hale, Charles.
 Hall, Andrew.
 Hartt, Joseph T.
 Haskell, George.
 Hicks, Samuel D.
 Hill, Henry B.
 Hoffman, Ira W.

Messrs. Holley, Richard.
 Howe, George F.
 Hunt, Jonas S.
 Ingalls, Ephraim A.
 Jenks, Thomas L.
 Keith, Ziba C.
 Kellogg, Ensign H.
 Kingsbury, Joseph A.
 Kirtland, Edwin L.
 Knowles, John.
 Knowlton, Hosea M.
 Lawrence, Daniel W.
 Lee, Henry.
 Lindsey, Nathaniel E.
 March, Andrus.
 McCafferty, Matthew J.
 McPherson, Eben'r M.
 Merritt, Christopher C.
 Miner, Henry S.
 Morissey, John.
 Morse, Elijah A.
 Murphy, Jeremiah.
 Murphy, John J.
 Nichols, John B.
 Nourse, B. Alden.
 Parker, George G.
 Partridge, David A.
 Pierce, Edward L.
 Pillsbury, Albert E.
 Pope, Charles G.

Messrs. Read, Charles H.
 Richards, Charles W.
 Richmond, Jonathan C.
 Ropes, Joseph S.
 Russell, Solomon N.
 Sleeper, Solomon S.
 Smith, Andrew.
 Smith, Robert D.
 Snow, Samuel.
 Southwick, John R.
 Spaulding, Mark H.
 Sullivan, Michael.
 Swett, Noah.
 Talbot, Samuel, Jr.
 Thayer, Davis, Jr.
 Wade, Levi C.
 Wadsworth, Alexander.
 Walden, Edwin.
 Wallace, William S.
 Washburn, John D.
 Watts, William.
 Wetherell, John W.
 White, James.
 White, Joseph W.
 Wilson, George C.
 Wilson, John G.
 Wing, Daniel.
 Winslow, Isaac.
 Woods, William.
 Woodward, James C.

Yeas, 105 ; nays, 92.

The bill, having been read once, was placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

The Bill to regulate the assessment of poll-taxes was further considered. After debate, the yeas and nays being ordered on motion of Mr. Gargan of Boston, the pending amendment moved by Mr. Ropes of Boston was rejected by a vote of 39 yeas to 114 nays, as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. Allen, Stillman B.
 Coggeshall, Henry F.
 Converse, Charles S.
 Cook, Horace.
 Cook, John H.
 Crocker, Elisha, Jr.
 Dean, Herbert A.

Messrs. Doane, Freeman.
 Fiske, Wesley L.
 Foque, Theodore N.
 Hawks, Alanson K.
 Hitchings, Otis M.
 Holley, Richard.
 Howe, George F.

Messrs. Hunt, Jonas S.	Messrs. Paul, Joseph F.
Kimball, Ensign.	Ropes, Joseph S.
Kimball, Moses.	Smith, Newton
King, William S.	Smith, Webster
Knowles, John.	Snow, Samuel
Lee, Henry	Spaulding, Mark H.
Mackintosh, James.	Swett, Noah.
March, Andrus.	Wade, Levi C.
Mayo, Edward F.	Wadsworth, Alexander.
McPherson, Eben'r M.	Ward, Alanson W.
Miner, Henry S.	Webster, David L.
Morse, Elijah A.	Wing, Daniel.
Moseley, Frederick P.	

NATS.

Messrs. Abbe, James.	Messrs. Hall, Andrew.
Atkinson, Michael.	Hannum, Leander M.
Ayer, Edwin.	Hapgood, Lyman S.
Babson, John J.	Hartt, Joseph T.
Ballou, Monroe E.	Hartwell, James D.
Barry, Patrick.	Hathaway, Frederick.
Bartlett, James E. T.	Hicks, Samuel D.
Batchelor, Benjamin S.	Hill, Henry B.
Bird, Warren P.	Hoffman, Ira W.
Bradley, Osgood, Jr.	Holmes, Henry T.
Breed, Amos F.	Ingalls, Ephraim A.
Brownell, Lysander N.	Jenks, Thomas L.
Bryant, Orrin.	Keith, Ambrose.
Buckminster, Joseph.	Keith, Monroe.
Bugbee, Francis.	Kellogg, Ensign H.
Carney, Michael.	Kennedy, Patrick.
Clapp, Frederick W.	Kingsbury, Joseph A.
Cobb, John D.	Kirtland, Edwin L.
Coburn, Edward.	Knapp, Joel.
Cordis, Thomas F.	Lawrence, Daniel W.
Croak, Michael J.	Loud, Charles A.
Curtiss, Albert W.	Mann, Seth, 2d.
Danforth, Charles H.	McCafferty, Matthew J.
Daniels, George F.	Merritt, Christopher C.
Dean, Dallas J.	Mitchell, Joseph, 2d.
Downer, Francis E.	Murphy, Jeremiah.
Fisk, Luther.	Murphy, John J.
Freeto, John.	Nichols, John B.
Fuller, Charles.	Noble, Reuben.
Gargan, Thomas J.	Noonan, Daniel.
Garity Thomas R.	Norton, John B.
Gibbons, John M.	Nourse, B. Alden.
Gifford, Benjamin.	Nutter, Isaac N.
Gilmore, Onslow.	Owen, Harvey M.
Goodsell, Curtis B.	Parker, Frederick.

Messrs. Parker, George G.	Messrs. Stevens, James T.
Partridge, David A.	Stone, Frederick M.
Perry, George R.	Sullivan, Michael.
Pew, Charles H., 2d.	Supple, James F.
Pillsbury, Albert E.	Talbot, Samuel, Jr.
Prouty, David.	Taylor, Oliver.
Putnam, Henry W.	Thayer, Davis, Jr.
Read, Charles H.	Truell, Byron.
Reed, George R.	Tuttle, Henry G.
Reynolds, Rice M.	Van Deusen, William I.
Rice, Charles B.	Walden, Edwin.
Richards, Charles W.	Warren, Alonzo.
Richmond, Jonathan C.	Watts, William.
Sandford, Addison.	Wellington, Austin C.
Sawin, Samuel D.	Wetherbee, John.
Sawyer, Enoch.	Whicher, John D.
Shattuck, Calvin W.	White, Benjamin.
Sherman, Elon.	White, James.
Slade, Albion K.	Williams, Moses, Jr.
Sleeper, Solomon S.	Wilson, John G.
Small, Isaiah A.	Winship, Thomas.
Stacey, Benjamin F.	Woodward, James C.

Yeas, 89 ; nays, 114.

The pending motion of Mr. Hartt of South Scituate, to amend by substituting a Resolve providing for an amendment of the Constitution in relation to the payment of a tax as a condition of the right to vote, was rejected, and the bill was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

At 5.55, adjourned.

THURSDAY, March 16, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. Churchill of Boston, the committee on Public Charitable Institutions was authorized to report in print in the matter of the Tewksbury Almshouse investigation. Tewksbury Almshouse investigation.

The motion of Mr. Nutter of East Bridgewater concerning adjournment, consideration of which was post- Adjournment.

poned yesterday, was rejected. Subsequently, on motion of Mr. Allen of Boston, it was—

Voted, That when the House adjourns, it be to meet on Monday next at half-past one o'clock.

Petition Presented.

Taxation.

By Mr. Richmond of Harvard, petition of A. J. Sawyer and 50 others for just and equal taxation. Referred to the committee on Taxation of Church Property and sent up for concurrence.

Order.

Cost of travel.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on Pay Roll make up the list of compensation to members for cost of travel.

Papers from the Senate.

Mystic River Corporation.

The annual report of the Commissioner of the Mystic River Corporation was referred in concurrence to the committee on Harbors.

Patent faucet.

Reports of the committee on Mercantile Affairs :

Leave to withdraw, on the petition of J. W. Stickney and others that the use of a certain patent measuring faucet be authorized by law ; and

Peddlers' licenses.

Inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to amending section 20 of chapter 50 of the General Statutes, concerning hawkers and peddlers' licenses ;

Severally accepted by the Senate, were read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

Troy & Greenfield Railroad.

The following Order, adopted by the Senate as recommended by the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel, was read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday :—

Ordered, That the 19th joint rule and order be suspended, so that the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel may be granted such further time, beyond the twenty-second day of March, as may be required for reporting in regard to the memorial of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad Company.

Bills Enacted.

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills :

For the protection of electric signals on railroads ;

To authorize the Commissioners on Inland Fisheries to occupy great ponds for the cultivation and distribution of useful fishes ;

Relating to appeals and removals in proceedings before police, municipal and district courts ;

Fixing the rate of interest on unpaid taxes of corporations ; and

Relating to public urinals in the city of Boston ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

To change the name of the East Randolph Cemetery Corporation ;

To incorporate the Glades Association ;

To confirm certain leases and agreements between the Somerville Horse Railroad Company, the Middlesex Railroad Company, and the Union Railway Company ; and

Relating to solitary imprisonment ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

An engrossed Resolve in favor of John McGrath (which Resolve passed. originated in the House of Representatives), was passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Pierce of Milton, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the annual report of the Attorney-General, that no further legislation is required, and asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the same. Attorney-General's Report.
Read and accepted under suspension of the rule.

By Mr. Nutter of East Bridgewater, from the committee on the Liquor Law, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to reenacting section 42 of chapter 86 of the laws of 1855, concerning the seizure of liquors under certain circumstances. Seizure of liquors.
Read, accepted under suspension of the rule, and sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Loud of Winchendon, from the committee on Finance, that the Bill to establish a Board of Factory Inspectors ought to pass. Factory inspectors.
Placed in the orders of the day for Monday, the question being on ordering it to a third reading.

By Mr. Stacey of Boston, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, that the Senate Bill to incorporate the Boston Widows and Orphans' Association ought to pass with amendments. Boston Widows and Orphans' Association.

- Abby A. Dike.** By Mr. Nichols of Haverhill, from the committee on Finance, that the Senate Resolve in favor of Abby A. Dike of Stoneham ought to pass.
Severally placed in the orders of the day for a second reading on Monday.
- Edward Fisher.** By Mr. Whitney of Belmont, from the committee on Claims, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of Edward Fisher of Boston.
- Fishways.** By Mr. Merritt of Scituate, from the committee on the Fisheries, on an order, a Resolve relating to the improvement of the fishway in the Merrimack River at Lawrence, and Holyoke fishway in the Connecticut River.
Severally read, and referred under the rule to the committee on Finance.
- Daniel Mahoney.** By Mr. Smith of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Daniel Mahoney for confirmation of a deed made by Nicholas J. A. O'Brien to said Mahoney.
- Vagrants.** By Mr. Bailey of Newbury, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to more stringent legislation for the arrest and sentence of vagrants.
- Watertown and Newton.** By Mr. Russell of Pittsfield, from the committee on Towns, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Henry D. Bassett and others for the annexation of a part of Watertown to the city of Newton, and petitions in aid of, and a remonstrance against, the same.
- Damages by sale of liquor.** By Mr. Knowlton of New Bedford, from the committee on the Liquor Law, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to making the seller of intoxicating liquor responsible for the damage directly caused by the same.
- Easthampton ponds.** By Mr. Merritt of Scituate, from the committee on the Fisheries, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Lafayette Clapp for an Act to prevent the taking of fish from certain ponds in Easthampton without consent of the proprietors.
- A. Farquharson.** By Mr. Buckminster of New Bedford, from the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Alexander Farquharson of Boston for state aid.
- Augustus Richardson.** By Mr. Miner of Phillipston, from the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Augustus Richardson for compensation for wood and timber consumed on the state muster-field at Framingham.
- Descent of real estate.** By Mr. Cobb of Dedham, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order

relative to the preservation of evidence relating to the descent of real estate.

By Mr. Gargan of Boston, from the same committee, W. N. Mason.
leave to withdraw, on the petition of W. N. Mason for an Act to correct a clerical error in a deed of assignment given by the judge of probate of Middlesex County.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

By Mr. Converse of Woburn, from the committee on Daniel Downey.
Finance, that the Resolve in favor of Daniel Downey of Lawrence ought to pass; and

That the Resolve in favor of C. J. Hinkson ought to C. J. Hinkson.
pass.

By Mr. Loud of Winchendon, from the same committee, Westborough Reform School.
asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Resolve providing for heating, lighting and furnishing the addition to the State Reform School at Westborough; and

That the Bill in relation to the public lands ought to Public lands.
pass.

By Mr. Nichols of Haverhill, from the same committee, Ellen Nolan.
that the Resolve in favor of Ellen Nolan of Westborough ought to pass.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for a second reading on Monday.

By Mr. Pierce of Milton, from the committee on the Provincetown.
Judiciary, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the town of Provincetown to establish a sinking fund for the payment of its indebtedness incurred by its subscription for the capital stock of the Old Colony Railroad Company.

By Mr. Smith of Boston, from the same committee, Trustee process.
that the Bill (on leave) in relation to the trustee process ought to pass in a new draft entitled a Bill regulating costs on trustee process in which wages are attached.

By Mr. Parker of Milford, from the committee on Pro- Probate papers.
bate and Chancery, on an Order relative to the care and preservation of papers in offices of probate courts, a Bill in relation to the custody and protection of records and papers of probate courts; and a

Bill to provide for the removal of wills from probate Wills.
courts in certain cases.

By Mr. Woods of Boston, from the committee on Public Lying-in hos-
pitals.
Charitable Institutions, on the report of the Board of State Charities, in part, a Bill to regulate lying-in hospitals.

By Mr. Snow of Barnstable, from the committee on Mattapoisett.

Towns, on a petition and a remonstrance, a Bill to amend an Act relating to a public common in the town of Mattapoisett.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Taken from the Table.

Appropriation
bill No. 6.

On motion of Mr. Churchill of Boston, the Bill making appropriations for the expenses of the State Almshouse, the State Primary School at Monson, the State Prison, the Reform School at Westborough, the Industrial School at Lancaster, the Bridgewater Workhouse, the State Detective Force, and for other purposes.

The pending amendments moved by Messrs. Croak of Boston and Miner of Phillipston were lost. Mr. Kimball of Boston moved to reconsider the vote by which an amendment moved by Mr. Miner of Phillipston was yesterday adopted. The motion prevailed; and the question recurring on the adoption of the amendment, it was again adopted and the bill as yesterday amended was ordered to a third reading.

Orders of the Day.

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day.

Reports of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate:

On an Order relative to amending section 2 of chapter 12 of the General Statutes, concerning collectors of taxes;

On an Order relative to claims for damages from defects in highways;

On an Order relative to amending the laws in relation to the assessment of taxes for highway repairs;

On an Order relative to further legislation in regard to taxation in school districts; and

On an Order relative to limiting the time when all mortgages of real estate shall be recorded to be valid against creditors of the mortgagor; and a

Report of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Eugene Field and others, for legislation limiting the liabilities of towns for damages sustained on the highways;

Were severally accepted.

Reports:

Of the committee on Banks and Banking, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to taxation of deposits in savings banks which amount to over five hundred dollars;

Of the committee on Railroads, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Marshall P. Wilder and 16 others, for incorporation as the Boston Hotel Company, with authority to build a branch railroad track;

Of the committee on Education, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the president of the Middlesex County Teachers' Association for a change of the laws with reference to state aid to teachers' associations;

Of the committee on Agriculture, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to amending section 6 of chapter 304 of the Acts of 1870, concerning the selling of game; and

Of the committee on the Fisheries, leave to withdraw, on the petitions of R. H. Libby and 61 others, W. C. Newcomb and 47 others, and A. W. Holbrook and 19 others, severally relating to the taking of eels in the waters of the town of Wellfleet;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Reports :

Of the committee on the Liquor Law, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to amending chapter 99 of the Acts of 1875, so that licenses shall not be granted to persons to sell liquors within one hundred rods of certain boundary lines; and

Of the committee on Towns, leave to withdraw, on the petition of George Griggs and others for the annexation of Brookline to Boston, and a petition in aid of the same;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to amending chapter 21 of the General Statutes, in relation to burial permits, was recommitted to the committee, on motion of Mr. Gargan of Boston.

Bills :

In relation to the inspection, storage and sale of illuminating oils made from petroleum and coal and their products;

To supply the town of Hingham with pure water ;
• To abolish the office of overseers of the houses of correction ;

Relating to the support of persons committed to the state industrial school and the state reform school ;

To regulate the use of steamboats for the conveyance of passengers ;

In relation to reservoirs and lands connected with the water supply of cities and towns ;

To regulate inquests on dead bodies ;

To amend chapter 103 of the General Statutes, and chapter 188 of the Acts of the year 1874, relating to sales of land on execution ;

To secure land from trespassers ; and

In relation to witnesses ; and a

Resolve in relation to state almshouses, asylums and reformatory institutions ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To ascertain the amount of fees received by clerks of courts, registers of probate and insolvency, registers of deeds, sheriffs and deputy-sheriffs ;

Making appropriations for certain educational purposes ; and

To regulate the execution of capital sentences (amended on motion of Mr. Allen of Boston) ; and a

Resolve in favor of Eliza Brown of Dover ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill (on leave) in relation to the sale of real estate under mortgages containing a power of sale was rejected, as recommended by the committee on the Judiciary.

At 5.45, adjourned.

MONDAY, March 20, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Woman suffrage.

A communication entitled "A Plea for Woman Suffrage" was received from Obadiah Wheelock of Philadelphia. Referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

Danvers Insane Hospital.

Mr. Walden of Lynn presented the report of the Commissioners upon the erection of the new hospital for the insane in the north-eastern part of the Commonwealth. Referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Orders.

The following Order, offered by Mr. H. B. Hill of Boston, was laid over at request of Mr. Pierce of Milton :—

Ordered, That on and after Thursday, March 23, the House shall meet at 11 o'clock, A. M., except on Mondays; and whenever the House shall be in session at 1 o'clock, P. M., except on Saturdays, the Speaker shall declare a recess until 2 o'clock. Morning sessions.

On motion of Mr. Pierce of Milton,—

Ordered, That all bills and resolves that have been, or under the rules are to be, printed, shall be read by their titles only, unless the full reading is requested. Reading of bills.

Papers from the Senate.

The following Order, adopted by the Senate, was laid over until to-morrow at the request of Mr. Kellogg of Pittsfield :—

Ordered, That the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, in the investigations ordered relative to certain public institutions, have further time in which to report; also that in so much of said investigation as relates to the State Almshouse at Tewksbury, they have authority to report in print. Tewksbury Almshouse investigation.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the special committee to investigate charges made by Moses Kimball, have power to send for persons and papers. New prison investigation.

The report of the committee on Printing, that the Order relative to printing extra copies of the report of the Eastern Railroad investigation ought to be adopted, accepted by the Senate, was read and accepted in concurrence under suspension of the rule. Eastern Railroad investigation.

The Senate Bill to incorporate the Boston Sugar Warehousing Company, came down with a Senate amendment to the House amendments, in which the House concurred. Boston Sugar Warehousing Co.

Bills :

To authorize the town of Arlington to issue additional water scrip, and to limit the amount thereof; and Arlington water scrip.

In further addition to an Act relating to the Mystic River Corporation; Mystic River Corporation.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

*Bills Enacted.***Bills enacted.****Engrossed bills :**

For procuring an additional supply of pure water for the use of the city of Worcester ;

(Which originated in the House of Representatives ;)

To authorize the Pilgrim Evangelical Society in Southborough to hold real estate for parsonage purposes ;

Concerning the rebuilding in part of the Newburyport and Salisbury bridge ;

In addition to an Act to supply the town of Newton with water ;

To extend the charter of the Mercantile Wharf Corporation in the city of Boston ; and

To extend the time authorizing the city of Worcester to lay out a public park and to establish and maintain a reservoir ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

*Resolves Passed.***Resolves passed.****Engrossed resolves :**

In favor of Frederick B. Kellogg ;

In favor of the town of Bellingham ; and

In favor of William P. Gilmore ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives) ;

Were severally passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

*Reports of Committees.***Attendance of officers upon district courts.**

By Mr. Hale of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was recommitted the Bill relating to the attendance of officers upon district courts, that the same ought to pass without amendment. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on ordering it to a third reading.

Normal Art-School.

By Mr. Rice of Danvers, from the committee on Education, on the report of the State Board of Education, in part, a Resolve in favor of the State Normal Art-School.

Disabled Soldiers' Employment Bureau.

By Mr. King of Boston, from the committee on Military Affairs, on the report of the Surgeon-General, a Resolve in favor of the Disabled Soldiers' Employment Bureau.

Severally read and referred in course to the committee on Finance.

By Mr. Rogers of Chelsea, from the committee on Harbors, no legislation necessary, on the report of the Commissioner on the Mystic River Corporation.

Mystic River Corporation.

By Mr. Knowlton of New Bedford, from the committee on Insurance, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to amending chapter 308 of the Acts of 1864, relating to insurance brokers' licenses.

Insurance brokers' licenses.

Severally read, accepted under suspension of the rule, and sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Williams of Brookline, from the committee on Railroads, that the Bill (recommitted) to revive chapter 246 of the Acts of the year 1870, relating to the Fitchburg Railroad Company, ought not to pass.

Fitchburg Railroad Co.

By Mr. Kirtland of Holyoke, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, that the Resolution concerning compulsory pilotage ought not to be adopted.

Pilotage.

By Mr. Smith of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, on an order, recommitted with instructions to report a bill, a Bill relating to divorce for gross and confirmed habits of intoxication, and that the same ought not to pass.

Divorce for intoxication.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on their rejection.

By Mr. Gardner of Palmer, from the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to amending chapter 140 of the General Statutes, relating to mortgages of real estate.

Real estate mortgages.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of George Stevens and others for legislation in regard to appeal and sureties.

Appeals and sureties.

By Mr. Truell of Lawrence, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to the protection of the interests of consumers of illuminating gas.

Gas consumers.

By Mr. Coveney of Cambridge, from the committee on Insurance, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to amending section 3 of chapter 93 of the Acts of 1869, concerning the responsibility of insurance brokers.

Responsibility of insurance brokers.

By Mr. H. B. Hill of Boston, from the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Abby C. Halliday for state aid.

A. C. Halliday.

By Mr. Walden of Lynn, from the committee on Towns, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Lorenzo Tuck and others for a division of the town of Weymouth, and incorporation of South Weymouth as a separate town.

Weymouth and South Weymouth.

Fitchburg Horse
Railroad Co.

By Mr. Noonan of Boston, from the committee on Street Railways, leave to withdraw, on the petition (re-committed) of J. B. Proctor and others that the charter of the Fitchburg Horse Railroad may be amended and extended.

Printing census
and statistics.

By Mr. Putnam of Salem, from the committee on Printing, on a communication from the Bureau of Statistics of Labor, recommending the adoption of the following order:

Ordered, That the report of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor on the census and industrial statistics of the Commonwealth for 1875, be set in quarto form and stereotyped; also that 5,000 copies of the same be printed,—2,000 for the use of the Bureau, and 3,000 for the members of the legislature.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Poor convicts.

By Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, from the committee on the Judiciary, on an Order relative to the support of poor convicts, a Bill to amend section 58 of chapter 178 of the General Statutes, relative to supporting prisoners.

Burial permits.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, on an order (recommitted) a Bill in relation to burial permits and records of deaths in cities.

West Stock-
bridge burial-
ground.

By Mr. Gardner of Palmer, from the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to authorize certain proceedings with reference to the old village burying-ground in the town of West Stockbridge.

Suffolk County
jurors.

By Mr. Hale of Boston, from the same committee, on an order, a Bill relating to the preparation of the list of jurors in the city of Boston.

Veto power of
mayors.

By Mr. Washburn of Worcester, from the same committee, on an order, a Bill to confer a veto power on the mayors of cities.

N. E. Guard.

By Mr. Lee of Boston, from the committee on Military Affairs, on a petition, a Bill to incorporate the New England Guard of the city of Boston.

Dean Academy.

By Mr. Wetherell of Worcester, from the same committee, on a petition, a Resolve to authorize the issue of arms to the Dean Academy.

Senatorial dis-
tricts.

By Mr. Kellogg of Pittsfield, from the committee on Redistricting the State, on so much of the Governor's address as relates to the subject, a Bill to divide the Commonwealth into forty districts for the choice of Senators.

By Mr. Rice of Danvers, from the committee on Education, that the Bill (on leave) to authorize the calling of the first regular meeting of the Center School District of Great Barrington ought to pass in a new draft with the same title. Great Barrington.

By Mr. Merritt of Scituate, from the committee on the Fisheries, on the report of the Commissioners on Inland Fisheries, a Bill requiring certain returns to the Commissioners on Inland Fisheries. Returns to Fish Commissioners.

By Mr. Small of Provincetown, from the committee on County Estimates, on the estimates of county commissioners, and the reports of receipts and expenditures of county treasurers, a Bill to further define the duties of county treasurers. County treasurers.

By Mr. Knowlton of New Bedford, from the committee on the Liquor Law, on three orders, of date January 19 and February 2 and 4, a Bill in addition to an act entitled An Act to regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors. Liquor law.

By Mr. Haskell of Ipswich, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, on the report of the Board of State Charities, in part, a Bill relating to the commitment of children to the State Primary School, and to their discharge therefrom. State Primary School.

By Mr. King of Boston, from the committee on Military Affairs, on so much of the Governor's address as relates to the subject, the report of the Adjutant-General, and three orders, of date January 10 and 11, and February 2, a Bill to reduce the expenses and increase the efficiency of the militia. Militia.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading; the last under suspension of the rule requiring its reference to the committee on Finance.

Orders of the Day.

Reports :

Of the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Daniel Mahoney for confirmation of a deed made by Nicholas J. A. O'Brien to said Mahoney, dated April 5, 1854; and

Of the committee on Probate and Chancery, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to the preservation of evidence relating to the descent of real estate;

Were severally accepted.

Orders of the day.

The Bill to confirm the marriage of James Parton and Ellen Willis Eldredge was read and considered. The yeas and nays being ordered on motion of Mr. Allen of Boston, the bill was ordered to a third reading by a vote of 89 yeas to 87 nays, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs.	Messrs.
Allen, Stillman B.	Mooney, Thomas.
Appell, J. Franklin.	Morrill, George W.
Atkinson, Michael.	Nelson, Sherman.
Ayer, Edwin.	Noble, Reuben.
Bailey, Daniel D.	Noonan, Daniel.
Barry, Patrick.	Norton, John B.
Bartlett, Daniel W.	Osborn, Weaver.
Bartlett, James E. T.	Owen, Harvey M.
Bird, Warren A.	Parker, Frederick.
Bird, Warren P.	Perry, George R.
Buckminster, Joseph.	Pew, Charles H., 2d.
Capron, Charles C.	Preston, David A.
Churchill, Gardner A.	Prouty, David.
Clapp, Lafayette.	Putnam, Henry W.
Coggshall, Henry F.	Read, Washington.
Converse, Charles S.	Reed, George R.
Cook, John H.	Reed, George W.
Cordis, Thomas F.	Reynolds, Rice M.
Danforth, Charles H.	Richmond, Jonathan C.
Dean, Herbert A.	Root, Joseph H.
Estabrook, Adin C.	Rust, Nathaniel J.
Foque, Theodore N.	Saunders, Amos J.
Goodsell, Curtis B.	Sawin, Samuel D.
Hannum, Leander M.	Sawyer, Ebenezer.
Hapgood, Lyman S.	Sawyer, Enoch.
Hartwell, James D.	Searle, John F.
Hathaway, Frederick.	Shattuck, Elijah C.
Hawkes, Nathan M.	Sherman, Elon.
Hawks, Alanson K.	Smith, Webster.
Hill, John B.	Stacey, Benjamin F.
Hill, Joseph W.	Stevens, James T.
Hoffman, Ira W.	Swett, Jackson B.
Holley, Richard.	Talbot, Samuel, Jr.
Holmes, Henry T.	Taylor, Charles A.
Huse, Caleb B.	Taylor, Oliver.
Keith, Isaac N.	Truell, Byron.
Kimball, Ensign.	Tuttle, Henry G.
Kimball, Moses.	Wallace, William S.
King, William S.	Ward, Alanson W.
Knapp, Joel.	Warren, Alonzo.
Knowlton, Henry C.	Waterman, Eleazer E.
Longley, Samuel.	Wellington, Austin C.

Messrs. Wetherbee, John.
Whicher, John D.
White, Benjamin.

Messrs. Whitney, Edward.
Winship, Thomas.

NAYS.

Messrs. Adams, Ebenezer.
Alley, William A.
Babeon, John J.
Batchelor, Benjamin S.
Bowen, Francis C.
Brownell, Lysander N.
Bugbee, Francis.
Burr, Isaac T.
Carney, Michael.
Chase, Frederick T.
Clapp, Frederick W.
Clark, John P.
Cobb, John D.
Daniels, George F.
Dennis, Henry, Jr.
Doane, Freeman
Downer, Francis E.
Fairbanks, George O.
Fiske, Wesley L.
Freeto, John.
Garity, Thomas R.
Gifford, Benjamin.
Gilmore, Onslow.
Gleason, Samuel S.
Hale, Charles.
Hall, Andrew.
Haskell, George
Hathaway, Isaac N.
Hicks, Samuel D.
Hill, Henry B.
Howland, Weston.
Hunt, Jonas S.
Ingalls, Ephraim A.
Jenks, Thomas L.
Jones, Jesse H.
Keith, Ambrose.
Keith, Ziba C.
Kellogg, Ensign H.
Kendall, Edward.
Kennedy, Patrick.
Kirtland, Edwin L.
Knowles, John.
Lawrence, Daniel W.
Lee, Henry.

Messrs. Lindsey, Nathaniel E.
Loud, Charles A.
Mann, Seth, 2d.
March, Andrus.
McPherson, Eben'r M.
Merritt, Christopher C.
Miner, Henry S.
Morse, Elijah A. .
Morse, William.
Murphy, Jeremiah.
Murphy, John J.
Nourse, B. Alden.
Parker, George G.
Partridge, David A.
Paul, Joseph F.
Pierce, Edward L.
Pillsbury, Albert E.
Pope, Charles G.
Read, Charles H.
Ropes, Joseph S.
Slade, Albion K.
Sleeper, Solomon S.
Small, Isaiah A.
Smith, Andrew.
Smith, Robert D.
Snow, Samuel
Southwick, John R.
Sullivan, Michael.
Supple, James F.
Swett, Noah.
Thayer, Davis, Jr.
Wade, Levi C.
Wadsworth, Alexander.
Walden, Edwin.
Washburn, John D.
Watts, William.
Wetherell, John W.
White, James.
White, Joseph W.
Wilson, George C.
Wing, Daniel
Winslow, Isaac.
Woodward, James C.

Yeas, 89 ; nays, 87.

The Bill in addition to chapter 371 of the Acts of the year 1872, relating to the regulation and inspection of buildings in Boston was read and considered. Amendments moved by Mr. Hale of Boston were adopted; and pending an amendment moved by Mr. Paul of Boston, its further consideration was postponed, on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, and the House

At 5.35, adjourned.

TUESDAY, March 21, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Legislative
grants to insti-
tutions.

Mr. Heywood of Worcester presented a statement of grants and allowances by the Legislature to sundry institutions, from 1860 to 1875, inclusive, and at his request it was ordered printed. (See House Document, No. 235.)

Lee's and Cole's
rivers.

Mr. Read of Freetown presented the remonstrance of F. S. Stevens and others against the petition of E. M. Thurston and others for authority to construct a highway and drawbridges over Lee's and Cole's rivers. Referred to the committee on Harbors, and sent up for concurrence.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Jones of Abington, the following Order was adopted under a suspension of the rule requiring its reference to the committee on Printing:—

Bureau of
Statistics.

Ordered, That 8,000 additional copies, in paper covers, of the report of the Bureau of Statistics on the subject of Labor for the current year, be printed for the use of the Bureau.

On motion of Mr. Pierce of Milton,—

Troy & Green-
field Railroad
Co.

Ordered, That the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel, to whom was referred the memorial of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, be instructed to report reference to the next General Court.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Orders Laid Over.

Morning ses-
sions.

The Order offered yesterday by Mr. H. B. Hill of Boston, and laid over, relative to morning sessions of the

House, was laid on the table on motion of Mr. Kellogg of Pittsfield.

The Senate Order relative to extending the time in which the committee on Public Charitable Institutions may report on certain matters, etc., was amended on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, by fixing Monday, March 27, as the limit, and, as amended, was adopted in concurrence. Sent up for concurrence in the amendment.

Committee on
Public Char-
itable Institu-
tions.

Papers from the Senate.

The petition of Henry E. Rice and others, in aid of the petition of Edward Crane and others for the incorporation of the Boston and Chicago Railway Trust Company, was referred in concurrence to the committee on the petition of Edward Crane and others.

E. Crane.

A Resolve in favor of Mary Monahan of Scituate, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred under the rule to the committee on Finance.

Mary Monahan.

The report of the committee on Street Railways, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Order relative to amending section 7 of chapter 381 of the Acts of 1871, relating to street railways, accepted by the Senate, was read and accepted in concurrence, under suspension of the rule.

Street railways.

A Resolve providing for an amendment of the Constitution to secure the elective franchise and the right to hold office to women, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

Woman suf-
frage.

Mr. Morse of Canton gave notice that he should move to amend by substituting a Resolution.

Bills:

Bills.

Concerning religious societies; and

To extend the time for building the Squantum free bridge;

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Bills Enacted.

Engrossed bills:

Bills enacted.

To incorporate the owners of meadow-lands lying on Neponset River;

(Which originated in the House of Representatives;)

and

To suppress exhibitions of the fighting of birds, dogs and other animals;

(Which originated in the Senate ;)
Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

- Reports of the committee on the Judiciary :**
- Trial list.** By Mr. Gardner of Palmer, on an Order relative to amending chapter 290 of the laws of 1870, relating to a trial list ; and
- Bank robbery.** By Mr. Pierce of Milton, on an Order relative to increasing the penalty for organized bank robbery,
Asking to be discharged from further consideration of the same, and recommending that the matters lie upon the table, were severally read and accepted under suspension of the rule.
- Reports of the committee on Military Affairs :**
- Adjutant-General.** By Mr. Pew of Gloucester, on the reports of the Adjutant-General and the Surgeon-General, and a schedule of arms and equipments belonging to the Commonwealth, that no further legislation is necessary, and recommending that the several papers be placed on the files of the House ; and
- Surgeon-General.**
- "Straw men."** By Mr. Talbot of Boston, no legislation necessary, on an Order relative to false returns by officers of the militia ;
Were severally read, accepted under suspension of the rule, and sent up for concurrence.
- Probate accounts.** By Mr. Seymour of Springfield, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to giving to judges of probate power to refer to special masters the settlement of complicated accounts.
- Executors, etc.** By Mr. Fuller of Boston, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to the rendering of accounts by executors, administrators, guardians or trustees.
- Squantum.** By Mr. Mann of Randolph, from the committee on Towns, leave to withdraw, on the petition of George Clarke, Jr., and others for a change of the boundary line of Boston so as to include that part of Quincy called Squantum.
- Councillor, senatorial and representative districts.** By Mr. Hale of Boston, from the committee on Constitutional Amendments, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to amending the Constitution so as to provide that the boundaries of councillor, senatorial and

representative districts may be altered by the Legislature to conform to town lines, when the latter are changed.

By Mr. Washburn of Worcester, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to a change in the manner of electing or appointing officers of the militia. Militia officers.

By Mr. Heywood of Worcester, from the committee on Railroads, leave to withdraw, on the petition of inhabitants of the town of Everett for legislation requiring the Eastern Railroad Company to furnish suitable depot accommodations in the town. Everett—
Eastern Rail-
road Co.

By Mr. Moseley of Boston, from the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Jacob Hittinger and others for the repeal of section 2 of chapter 401 of the Acts of 1874, relating to the Fitchburg Railroad Company. J. Hittinger
et al.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

By Mr. Hathaway of Marion, from the committee on Harbors, on a certain portion of the Harbor Commissioners' report, a Bill to renew the appropriation in relation to the flats, meadows and beaches on East Harbor Creek in Provincetown and Truro. East Harbor
Creek.

By Mr. Hall of Boston, from the same committee, on so much of the Harbor Commissioners' report as relates to the subject, a Bill to appropriate the income of the compensation fund for Boston harbor. Compensation
fund of Boston
Harbor.

By Mr. Mayo of Warwick, from the committee on Agriculture, on a petition, a Resolve in aid of the Massachusetts Agricultural College. Agricultural
College.

By Mr. Rice of Danvers, from the committee on Education, on the report of the State Board of Education, in part, a Resolve granting aid to pupils in the state normal schools. Normal Schools.

By Mr. Hale of Boston, from the committee on Constitutional Amendments, on an order referring to said committee so much of the Governor's address as relates to the subject, a Resolve providing for the printing of an additional volume of the special laws. Special laws.

By Mr. Swett of Wellfleet, from the committee on Military Affairs, on the petition of Charles R. Blaisdell for amendment of the laws relating to state aid for families of soldiers, a Bill relating to state aid paid on account of children born after the death of the father. State aid.

By Mr. H. B. Hill of Boston, from the committee on E. M. Stearns.

Claims, on a petition of John H. Roberts, a Resolve in favor of Edward M. Steimle of Boston.

F. F. Follansbee. By Mr. Saunders of Pepperell, from the same committee, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of F. F. Follansbee of Boston.

Wm. Pratt. By Mr. Miner of Phillipston, from the same committee, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of William Pratt of Ashburnham.

P. Buckley. By Mr. Buckminster of New Bedford, from the same committee, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of Patrick Buckley of North Adams.

Severally read and referred in course to the committee on Finance.

Senate and House papers. By Mr. Hale of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, on an order, a Resolve relating to papers and documents belonging to the files of the Senate and House of Representatives.

Mount Auburn. By Mr. Pierce of Milton, from the same committee, on a petition, a Bill in addition to an Act to incorporate the proprietors of the cemetery of Mount Auburn.

Town railroad debts. By the same gentleman, from the same committee, on an order, a Bill to authorize towns and cities to establish sinking funds for the payment of indebtedness incurred by subscriptions for the capital stock and securities of railroad corporations.

South Hadley Fire District No. 1. By Mr. Gardner of Palmer, from the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to alter the limits of Fire District No. 1, in the town of South Hadley.

Attachments. By Mr. Smith of Boston, from the same committee, on an order, a Bill concerning attachments.

Salem Street Railway. By Mr. Hale of Boston, from the same committee, that the Bill (reported by the committee on Street Railways) authorizing an exchange of the bonds of the Salem Street Railway ought to pass in a new draft, with the same title.

Fall River. By Mr. Read of Freetown, from the committee on Roads and Bridges, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the city of Fall River to lay out and construct a way known as Pleasant Street through a private burial-ground.

Provincetown and Truro. By Mr. Snow of Barnstable, from the committee on Towns, on a petition, a Bill to establish the boundary line between Provincetown and Truro.

Gloucester harbor. By Mr. Gifford of Westport, from the committee on Harbors, on a petition, a Bill to change a portion of the harbor line in Gloucester harbor.

By Mr. Jenks of Boston, from the same committee, on Ipswich River.
a petition, a Bill to authorize the county commissioners of
the county of Essex to lay out a highway and construct a
bridge over Ipswich River.

By Mr. Rice of Danvers; from the committee on Edu- High schools.
cation, on an order, a Bill to establish high schools in
towns containing less than five hundred families.

By Mr. Noble of Westfield, from the committee on Coal.
Railroads, on a petition, a Resolve in relation to charges
for transportation of coal by railroad corporations.

By Mr. Fairbanks of Fall River, from the same com- Old Colony
mittee, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the Old Colony Railroad Co.
Railroad Company to purchase the railroad of the Fall
River, Warren & Providence Railroad Company.

By Mr. Moseley of Boston, from the same committee, Fitchburg Rail-
road Co.
on a petition presented in the Senate, February 11, a Bill
to extend the provisions of chapter 401 of the Acts of the
year 1874, in relation to the taking of land by the Fitch-
burg Railroad Company.

By Mr. Osgood of Salem, from the same committee, on Danvers Rail-
road.
a petition, a Bill to authorize the Boston and Maine Railroad
to purchase the Danvers Railroad; and a

Bill to authorize the Boston and Maine Railroad to pur- Newburyport
chase the Newburyport Railroad.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Taken from the Table.

On motion of Mr. McPherson of Boston, the report of Burton Brewing
the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw, Co.
on the petition of William H. Alley and others for an Act
of incorporation under the name of the Burton Brewing
Company.

Accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Discharged from the Orders.

On motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, the Senate Order Hoosac Tunnel
relative to extending the time in which the committee on Committee.
the Hoosac Tunnel may report on the memorial of the
Troy and Greenfield Railroad Company, was discharged
from the orders of the day. Rejected in non-concurrence.

Orders of the Day.

Reports of the committee on the Judiciary :

Inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to amend-

Orders of the
day.

Claims, on a petition of John H. Roberts, a Resolve in favor of Edward M. Steimle of Boston.

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By Mr. Fairbanks of Fall River, from the same com- Old Colony Railroad Co. mittee, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the Old Colony Railroad Company to purchase the railroad of the Fall River, Warren & Providence Railroad Company.

By Mr. Moseley of Boston, from the same committee, Fitchburg Rail- road Co. on a petition presented in the Senate, February 11, a Bill to extend the provisions of chapter 401 of the Acts of the year 1874, in relation to the taking of land by the Fitchburg Railroad Company.

By Mr. Osgood of Salem, from the same committee, on Danvers Rail- road. a petition, a Bill to authorize the Boston and Maine Railroad to purchase the Danvers Railroad; and a

Bill to authorize the Boston and Maine Railroad to pur- Newburyport Railroad. chase the Newburyport Railroad.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Taken from the Table.

On motion of Mr. McPherson of Boston, the report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition of William H. Alley and others for an Act of incorporation under the name of the Burton Brewing Company. Burton Brewing Co.

Accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Discharged from the Orders.

On motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, the Senate Order relative to extending the time in which the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel may report on the memorial of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad Company, was discharged from the orders of the day. Rejected in non-concurrence. Hoosac Tunnel Committee.

Orders of the Day.

Reports of the committee on the Judiciary :

Inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to amend-

Orders of the day.

ing chapter 140 of the General Statutes, relating to mortgages of real estate ; and

Leave to withdraw, on the petition of George Stevens and others for legislation in regard to appeal and sureties ;
Were severally accepted.

Reports :

Of the committee on Insurance, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to amending section 3 of chapter 93 of the Acts of 1869, concerning the responsibility of insurance brokers ;

Of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Abby C. Halliday for state aid ;

Of the committee on Towns, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Lorenzo Tuck and 300 others for a division of the town of Weymouth, incorporating South Weymouth as a separate town ; and

Of the committee on Street Railways, leave to withdraw, on the petition (recommitted) of J. B. Proctor and others that the charter of the Fitchburg Horse Railroad may be amended and extended ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Probate and Chancery, leave to withdraw, on the petition of W. N. Mason for an Act to correct a clerical error in a deed of assignment given by the judge of probate of Middlesex County, was laid on the table on motion of Mr. Clapp of Framingham, pending a motion of the same gentleman to amend by substituting a Bill to confirm the deed of assignment of George White, acting judge of the court of insolvency, to Walter N. Mason and Edward A. Hunting, assignees of the estate of Charles J. Power, insolvent debtor.

Bills :

In relation to the public lands (amended on motion of Messrs. Wade of Newton and Hale of Boston) ;

To regulate lying-in hospitals ;

To amend an Act relating to a public common in the town of Mattapoisett ;

To provide for the removal of wills from probate courts in certain cases ;

To authorize the town of Arlington to issue additional water scrip, and to limit the amount thereof ;

To authorize the calling of the first regular meeting of the Centre School District of Great Barrington ;

Requiring certain returns to the Commissioners on Inland Fisheries;

To amend section 58 of chapter 178 of the General Statutes, relative to supporting prisoners;

Relating to the commitment of children to the State Primary School, and to their discharge therefrom; and

In relation to burial permits and records of deaths in cities; and

Resolves:

To authorize the issue of arms to the Dean Academy; and

Providing for heating, lighting and furnishing the addition to the State Reform School at Westborough;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to establish a Board of Factory Inspectors was amended on motion of Messrs. Hale of Boston, Pierce of Milton, Rice of Danvers, and Noble of Westfield, the title amended, and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

Relating to night-walkers;

To authorize the town of Provincetown to establish a sinking fund for the payment of its indebtedness incurred by its subscription for the capital stock of the Old Colony Railroad Company; and

In relation to the custody and protection of records and papers of probate courts; and

Resolves:

In favor of Daniel Downey of Lawrence; and

In favor of Ellen Nolan of Westborough;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bills:

In relation to the crossing of railroads by highways at grade; and

To incorporate the Citizens' Exchange of Worcester; and a

Resolve in favor of Abby A. Dike of Stoneham;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Bill in addition to chapter 371 of the Acts of the year 1872, relating to the regulation and inspection of buildings in Boston was further considered, a pending amendment moved by Mr. Paul of Boston was adopted,

and the bill was passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Resolve in favor of C. J. Hinkson was read, and, on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, was laid on the table, the question being on ordering it to a third reading.

The Bill in relation to the inspection, storage and sale of illuminating oils made from petroleum and coal and their products was read, and, pending amendments moved by Messrs. Wade of Newton, Warren of Boston, and Hannum of Cambridge, was, on motion of Mr. Wade of Newton, laid on the table, the main question being on passing it to be engrossed.

The Bill to revive chapter 246 of the Acts of the year 1870, relating to the Fitchburg Railroad Company was rejected, as recommended by the committee on Railroads.

At 5.55, adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, March 22, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

Lee's and Cole's
rivers.

By Mr. Read of Freetown, remonstrance of Clark Chace and others against the petition of E. M. Thurston and others relative to bridging Lee's and Cole's rivers. Referred to the committee on Harbors.

Broad-rimmed
wheels.

By Mr. Fairbanks of Fall River, petition of John F. Lewis and 80 others for an act requiring the use of broad-rimmed wheels by loaded teams. Referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

* Severally sent up for concurrence.

Hawkes Brook.

By Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, remonstrance of David Austin and 100 others against the petition of the mayor of Lynn for authority to take water from Hawkes Brook. Placed on file.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Williams of Brookline,—

Committee on
Railroads.

Ordered, That the 19th joint rule and order be suspended, so that the committee on Railroads may be

granted further time in which to report upon matters referred to them ; to wit, until March 29, 1876.

On motion of Mr. Hale of Boston,—

Ordered, That five hundred copies be printed, in addition to the usual number, of the report this day submitted by the committee on the Judiciary on the petition of the mayor of Boston for the passage of an act to regulate the assessment of taxes. (House No. 238.) Assessment of taxes in Boston.

Severally sent up for concurrence, the latter under suspension of the rule requiring its reference to the committee on Printing.

On motion of Mr. Miner of Phillipston,—

Ordered, That the codification of the laws in relation to payment of state aid, ordered by the House for the use of the committee on Claims, be printed for the use of the House. Codification of state aid laws.

Papers from the Senate.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the joint special committee on District Courts be allowed until March 29 to make final report on all matters referred to them ; the pendency of certain measures before the Legislature rendering it inexpedient for them sooner to close their business. Committee on District Courts.

The Bill to incorporate the Trustees of the Deerfield Academy and Dickinson High School came down passed to be engrossed in concurrence by the Senate, with an amendment, in which the House concurred. Deerfield Academy.

Reports :

Of the committee on Railroads, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to amending the general railroad law so as to permit the construction of railroads of twenty-four inches gauge ; Narrow-gauge railroads.

Of the committee on the Liquor Law, leave to withdraw, on the petitions of various parties for repeal of the present license law ; License law.

Of the committee on Harbors, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order referring to said committee so much of the Governor's address as relates to the Harbor Commissioners and the South Boston Flats ; and South Boston flats.

Of the committee on Claims, reference to the next General Court on the petition of Walter Shanly for payment of claims for work done on the Hoosac Tunnel ; Walter Shanly.

Severally accepted by the Senate, were read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Bills :

Greenfield.

To authorize the town of Greenfield to raise money to reimburse the Commonwealth for land taken for a railroad in Greenfield ;

Boston Safe
Deposit Co.

In relation to the Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company ;

Dedham Water
Co.
Clinton.

To incorporate the Dedham Water Company ; and
To supply the town of Clinton with pure water ;

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Reports of Committees.

Hoosac Tunnel.

By Mr. Stone of Waltham, from the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel, no legislation necessary, on so much of the Governor's address as relates to the Hoosac Tunnel.

Fish commis-
sioners.

By Mr. Dennis of Rockport, from the committee on the Fisheries, no further legislation necessary on the annual report of the Commissioners on Inland Fisheries.

Severally read, accepted under suspension of the rule, and sent up for concurrence.

Coöperative
associations.

By Mr. Washburn of Worcester, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Bill concerning coöperative saving, fund and loan associations, with instructions, certain amendments to the same. The committee also reported that the bill ought not to pass.

Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the main question being on ordering to a third reading.

Lobsters.

By Mr. Merritt of Scituate, from the committee on the Fisheries, that the Bill (on leave) for the protection of the lobster fisheries ought not to pass ; and

Trout.

That the Bill (on leave) for the protection of trout, land-locked salmon, and lake trout, ought not to pass.

Assets of sav-
ings banks.

By Mr. Babson of Gloucester, from the committee on Banks and Banking, that the Bill (on leave) to provide for the disposition of the assets of savings banks when they shall be insufficient to meet the liabilities ought not to pass.

Claims for mili-
tary expendi-
tures.

By Mr. Wellington of Cambridge, from the committee on Military Affairs, that the Resolve (on leave) relative to claims for reimbursement for certain military expenditures ought not to pass.

Self-couplers.

By Mr. Sawin of Boston, from the committee on Railroads, that the Bill (taken from the Senate files) requiring

the use of self-couplers on freight-cars ought not to pass.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question in each case being on rejection.

By Mr. Noonan of Boston, from the committee on State printing. Printing, on an Order relative to reducing the expense of the state printing, a Bill relating to the state printing; and

On an Order relative to the printing of certain annual reports, a Bill concerning the printing of public documents. Public documents.

By Mr. Sawyer of Methuen, from the committee on Danvers Hospital. Water Supply and Drainage, on an order, a Bill for the supply of water to the state hospital for the insane in Danvers.

By Mr. Rogers of Chelsea, from the committee on South Boston flats. Harbors, on a part of the Harbor Commissioners' report, a Bill to make a further appropriation for the improvement of the Commonwealth's flats in Boston Harbor.

By Mr. Webster of Boston, from the committee on Worcester Light Infantry. Claims, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of the Worcester Light Infantry Company.

By Mr. Rice of Danvers, from the committee on State survey. Education, on so much of the Governor's address and the report of the State Board of Education as relates to the subject, a Resolve providing for estimates for a scientific survey of the State.

Severally read and referred in course to the committee on Finance.

By Mr. Jones of Abington, from the committee on Labor Bureau. Bureau of Statistics, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Wendell Phillips and others for the continuance of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor and increased facilities for the same.

By Mr. Dennis of Rockport, from the committee on the Fish laws. Fisheries, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to a codification of the fishery laws.

By Mr. Walden of Lynn, from the committee on Towns, Medford and Malden. leave to withdraw, on the petition of J. W. Chadwick and others that a portion of the town of Medford may be annexed to the town of Malden.

By Mr. Morissey of Plymouth, from the committee on E. Crane. the petition of Edward Crane and others, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Edward Crane and associates for

incorporation as the Boston and Chicago Railway Trust Company, and a petition in aid of the same.

Troy & Green-
field Railroad
Co.

By Mr. Stone of Waltham, from the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel, reference to the next General Court, on the memorial of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad Company.

Moses S.
Wheeler.

By Mr. Saunders of Pepperell, from the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Moses S. Wheeler to be remunerated for wrongful imprisonment; and

State aid.

Inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to equalizing the payment of state aid to disabled soldiers and their families. (Mr. Parker of Milford gave notice that he should move to amend by substituting a bill, which was ordered to be printed.)

Geo. M.
Weston.

By Mr. H. B. Hill of Boston, from the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of George M. Weston for payment of services rendered the State in connection with claims arising during the war of 1812-15.

Reports of the committee on the Judiciary :

Boston polling
places.

By Mr. Washburn of Worcester, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the mayor of Boston for authority to establish additional places for polling votes.

Ward 22, Bos-
ton.

By the same gentleman, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to dividing Ward 22 of the city of Boston; and

Boston taxes.

By Mr. Hale of Boston, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of the mayor of Boston for the passage of an Act regulating the assessment of taxes.

Reports of the committee on Military Affairs, leave to withdraw :

Amesbury and
Salisbury Vet-
eran Artillery.

By Mr. Ingalls of Lynn, on the petition of the Veteran Artillery Association of Amesbury and Salisbury for permission to organize as a military company.

Worcester
Light Infantry.

By Mr. Wellington of Cambridge, on the petition of the Worcester Light Infantry for permission to go without the limits of the State; and

E. P. Simpson.

On the petition of E. P. Simpson and others for authority to form a military company in Framingham.

Reports of the committee on Banks and Banking, inexpedient to legislate :

Trust com-
panies.

By Mr. Osborn of Fall River, on an Order relative to the regulation of trust companies, and the equalizing of taxation on deposits held by savings banks and trust companies.

By Mr. Wetherell of Worcester, on an Order relative to Savings banks.
fixing a maximum rate of interest to be paid on loans
made by savings banks on mortgage of real estate.

By Mr. Hapgood of Boston, on an Order relative to Id.
exempting from taxation real estate held by savings banks.

By Mr. Stone of Waltham, on an Order relative to the Id.
appointment of trustees of savings banks by the Governor
and Council.

By the same gentleman, on an Order relative to loans Id.
and investment committees of savings banks.

By Mr. Babson of Gloucester, on an Order relative to Id.
the appointment of auditors of savings banks having
deposits of more than a million dollars; and

By the same gentleman, on an Order relative to the Id.
insurance of property on which the funds of savings banks
are loaned.

By Mr. Evans of Everett, from the same committee, North End Sav-
ings Bank.
leave to withdraw, on the petition of the North End
Savings Bank of Boston for the removal of certain restric-
tions in the location of said bank.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for
to-morrow.

Reports of the committee on the Judiciary :

By Mr. Hale of Boston, on an order relative to the law Law of condi-
tions.
of conditions, a Bill in relation to estates held on condi-
tion.

By the same gentleman, on a petition, a Bill to revise Fall River.
the charter of the city of Fall River.

By the same gentleman, on an order, of date February Disturbances of
the peace.
23, a Bill in addition to section 38 of chapter 120 of the
General Statutes, in relation to disturbances of the peace.

By the same gentleman, on an order relative to amending Names changed.
section 12 of chapter 110 of the General Statutes, a
Resolve providing for an index of names changed by
lawful authority.

By Mr. Washburn of Worcester, on a petition of the Explosive com-
pounds.
mayor of Boston, a Bill in regard to the manufacture,
storage and transportation of explosive compounds; and

By Mr. Gardner of Palmer, on an order, a Bill con- Courts.
cerning municipal, police and district courts, and the
taxation of costs in civil and criminal cases in said courts,
and by justices of the peace and trial justices.

By Mr. Ropes of Boston, from the committee on Water Lynn—Hawkes
Brook.
Supply and Drainage, on petitions and remonstrances, a

Bill to authorize the city of Lynn to obtain a further supply of pure water.

Engineers on
water supply,
etc.

By Mr. Warren of Boston, from the same committee, on an order of February 10, a Bill to provide for the appointment of consulting engineers in reference to water supply and drainage.

Savings banks.

By Mr. Stone of Waltham, from the committee on Banks and Banking, on a petition of the Miners' Savings Bank of West Stockbridge, a Senate order of February 3, and House orders of January 11 (two), 13 (three), 15, 17 and 24, a Bill in relation to savings banks and institutions for savings.

County taxes.

By Mr. Hunt of Sudbury, from the committee on County Estimates, on estimates of the several counties, a Resolve granting county taxes.

Council dis-
tricts.

By Mr. Kellogg of Pittsfield, from the committee on Redistricting the State, on a portion of the Governor's address, a Bill to divide the Commonwealth into districts for the choice of the Council.

Life policies.

By Mr. Knowlton of New Bedford, from the committee on Insurance, on an order, a Bill concerning life insurance policies made for the benefit of married women.

Church prop-
erty.

By Mr. Fuller of Boston, from the committee on Taxation of Church Property, on papers from the files, and petitions, a Bill in relation to the taxation of church property.

Dover Street
Bridge, Boston.

By Mr. Jenks of Boston, from the committee on Harbors, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the city of Boston to reconstruct Dover Street Bridge, in said city.

Turner's Falls
Bridge.

By Mr. Kimball of Revere, from the committee on Roads and Bridges, on petitions and remonstrances, a Bill to extend the time for the construction and completion of a highway and bridge across the Connecticut River, at Turner's Falls.

Fall River Rail-
road Co.

By Mr. Fairbanks of Fall River, from the committee on Railroads, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the Fall River Railroad Company to sell or lease its road.

Secretary State
Board of
Health.

By Mr. Miner of Phillipston, from the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures, on a general order, a Bill fixing the compensation of the Secretary of the State Board of Health.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading; the last under suspension of the rule requiring its reference to the committee on Finance.

By Mr. Parker of Milford, from the committee on

Federal Relations, on a petition, Resolutions in favor of international arbitration, as follows :— International arbitration.

Resolved, That the Legislature of Massachusetts recommend that measures be instituted to secure the codification of international law, and the establishment of a tribunal for the adjudication and settlement of all international difficulties, to the end that hereafter there may be no more warfare among nations.

Resolved, That His Excellency the Governor be requested to forward a copy of these resolutions to the several governors of the other States of the Union, and to the Senators and Representatives of Massachusetts in Congress.

Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Taken from the Table.

On motion of Mr. Knowlton of New Bedford, the report of the committee on Insurance, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to advancing the price of insurance brokers' licenses. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Insurance brokers.

On motion of Mr. Nutter of East Bridgewater, the Order relative to fixing 11 o'clock, A. M., as the time of meeting of the House. On motion of the same gentleman, the order was amended by making Tuesday, March 28, the date of beginning such sessions, and, as amended, was adopted. Morning sessions.

Discharged from the Orders.

On motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, the report of the committee on Printing, on a communication from the Bureau of Statistics of Labor, recommending the adoption of an Order providing for the stereotyping and printing of the report of the said Bureau for 1875, was discharged from the orders of the day. On motion of the same gentleman, the matter was laid upon the table. Report of census and statistics.

Orders of the Day.

Reports :

Of the committee on Probate and Chancery, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to giving judges of probate power to refer to special masters the examination and settlement of complicated accounts ; and

Orders of the day.

Inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to the rendering of accounts by executors, administrators, guardians or trustees ;

Were severally accepted.

Reports :

Of the committee on Towns, leave to withdraw, on the petition of George Clarke, Jr., and others for a change of the boundary line of Boston, so as to include that part of Quincy called Squantum ;

Of the committee on Constitutional Amendments, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to amending the Constitution so that the Legislature may alter councillor, senatorial and representative district boundaries when town lines are changed ; and

Of the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to changing the manner of electing or appointing officers of the militia ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to legislation for the protection of consumers of illuminating gas was referred to the next General Court, on motion of Mr. Noonan of Boston.

Bills :

In further addition to an Act relating to the Mystic River Corporation ;

To incorporate the New England Guard of the city of Boston (amended on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston) ;

To authorize certain proceedings with reference to the old village burying-ground in the town of West Stockbridge ;

Relating to the preparation of the list of jurors in the city of Boston ;

To extend the time for building the Squantum Free Bridge ;

Concerning religious societies ;

To establish the boundary line between Provincetown and Truro ;

To authorize towns and cities to establish sinking funds for the payment of indebtedness incurred by subscriptions for the capital stock and securities of railroad corporations ;

To authorize the Old Colony Railroad Company to pur-

chase the railroad of the Fall River, Warren and Providence Railroad Company ;

To authorize the Boston and Maine Railroad to purchase the Danvers Railroad ;

To authorize the Boston and Maine Railroad to purchase the Newburyport Railroad ;

To change a portion of the harbor line in Gloucester harbor ;

To alter the limits of Fire District No. 1, in the town of South Hadley ;

Authorizing an exchange of the bonds of the Salem Street Railway ; and

Concerning attachments ; and a

Resolve relating to papers and documents belonging to the files of the Senate and House of Representatives ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill relating to the attendance of officers upon district courts was ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

Making appropriations for the expenses of the State Almshouse, the State Primary School at Monson, the State Prison, the Reform School at Westborough, the Industrial School at Lancaster, the Bridgewater Workhouse, the State Detective Force, and for other purposes (amended on motions of Messrs. Churchill of Boston and Miner of Phillipston) ;

To secure land from trespassers ;

Relating to the granting of divorces on petitions from inhabitants of this State ;

To punish illegal voting, and to secure the purity of elections ;

In addition to an Act relating to elections ;

To authorize the calling of the first regular meeting of the Centre School District of Great Barrington ;

Requiring certain returns to the Commissioners on Inland Fisheries ;

In relation to burial permits and records of deaths in cities ;

Relating to the commitment of children to the State Primary School, and to their discharge therefrom ; and

To regulate lying-in hospitals ; and

Resolves :

To authorize the issue of arms to the Dean Academy ; and

Providing for heating, lighting and furnishing the addition to the State Reform School at Westborough;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To incorporate the Boston Widows and Orphans' Association ; and

To authorize the town of Arlington to issue additional water scrip, and to limit the amount thereof ;

•Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Bill relating to divorce for gross and confirmed habits of intoxication was rejected, as recommended by the committee on the Judiciary.

The Resolution concerning compulsory pilotage was rejected, as recommended by the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Consideration of the Bill to divide the Commonwealth into forty districts for the choice of Senators, and of the Bill to further define the duties of county treasurers, was postponed until to-morrow, on motions, respectively, of Mr. Hale of Boston and Mr. Pope of Somerville.

The Bill to confer a veto power on the mayors of cities was read, and, on motion of Mr. Washburn of Worcester, was laid on the table, the question being on ordering it to a third reading.

The Bill in addition to an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors," was read a second time and considered. Pending amendments moved by Messrs. Noble of Westfield and Ingalls of Lynn, the House,

At 5.30, adjourned.

THURSDAY, March 23, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Spaulding of Arlington.

Petition Presented.

Franklin.

Mr. Thayer of Franklin presented a petition of the selectmen of the town of Franklin for authority to raise

money for the celebration of the centennial anniversary of the incorporation of said town, etc.

The same gentleman moved to suspend the 20th joint rule, and to lay that motion upon the table, which was carried.

Motion to Reconsider.

Mr. Pillsbury of Boston moved to reconsider the vote by which the House yesterday passed to be engrossed the Bill to secure land from trespassers. The motion was lost. Trespassers.

Papers from the Senate.

The Senate Order extending the time in which the committee on Public Charitable Institutions may report, amended by the House to limit the time to March 27, inclusive, came down with a Senate amendment to the House amendment, making the date March 31. The House concurred. Committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee to investigate certain charges made by Moses Kimball of Boston concerning the new state prison have until the 28th instant in which to report. New prison investigation.

The Bill concerning the admission of persons to practice as attorneys-at-law, passed to be engrossed in concurrence by the House, with an amendment, came down indorsed that the Senate non-concurred. On motion of Mr. Pierce of Milton, the House voted to insist upon its amendment. Attorneys-at-law.

Reports :

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to the taxation of mortgages; Taxation of mortgages.

Of the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to recording evidence of conditional sales of personal property; and Recording personal mortgages, etc.

Of the committee on Agriculture, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order referring to said committee so much of the Governor's address as relates to Agriculture; Agriculture.

Severally accepted by the Senate, were read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

The report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Edwin Hill and others for legislation in regard to the taxation of mortgaged prop- Taxation of mortgaged property.

erty, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, Mr. Noble of Westfield giving notice that he should move to amend by substituting a Bill in relation to the taxation of real estate, which was ordered to be printed.

Mary Lamb.

A Resolve in favor of Mary Lamb of Boston, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred in course to the committee on Finance.

Bills :

Billerica and Bedford railroads.

To authorize the construction of certain narrow-gauge railroads, in Billerica and Bedford ;

Infants.

For the better protection of infants ;

Troy & Greenfield Railroad.

To provide for the relocation of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad in the towns of Greenfield and Deerfield, and for other purposes ; and

Railroad accounts.

To secure greater publicity and uniformity in the accounts of railroad corporations ;

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

It.

Mr. Pierce of Milton gave notice that he should move to substitute for the bill last named a Bill for the protection of the stockholders and creditors of railroad corporations, which was ordered to be printed.

Bills Enacted.

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills :

To regulate costs upon motions for new trial ;

For the better protection of life in buildings occupied for public purposes in the city of Boston ;

To amend section 2 of chapter 97, and section 16 of chapter 102 of the General Statutes, relating to the filing of affidavits of executors and administrators ;

In relation to the expenditures of the agent for discharged convicts ;

In addition to an Act to supply the city of Lawrence with water ;

In relation to perpetuating evidence of notices of appointment and sale of real estate by executors and administrators ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

To incorporate the Boston Sugar Warehousing Company ; and

In relation to the crossing of railroads by highways at grade ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves :

Resolves passed.

In favor of Abbie S. Cowles ;

(Which originated in the House of Representatives ;)

and

In favor of William S. Greene of Fall River ;

(Which originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the committee on Finance, that the Resolve in aid of the Massachusetts Agricultural College ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on its rejection.

Agricultural College.

By Mr. Churchill of Boston, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, leave to withdraw, on so much of the petition of William Lloyd Garrison and others for legislation relative to lunatic hospitals, and petitions in aid of the same, as relates to the appointment of a commissioner of lunacy.

Commissioner of Lunacy.

By Mr. Parker of Milford, from the committee on Federal Relations, on an order, a Resolution relating to Edward O'Meagher Condon.

E. O'M. Condon.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

By Mr. Babson of Gloucester, from the committee on Banks and Banking, on an order of January 10, a Bill to provide for the appointment of an additional commissioner of savings banks.

Additional savings bank commissioner.

Read and referred in course to the committee on Finance.

By Mr. Gargan of Boston, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, on an order of February 2, a Bill to amend the General Statutes relative to the descent and distribution of real and personal property.

Descent of property.

By Mr. Kellogg of Pittsfield, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, on an order, a Bill in relation to the Industrial School at Lawrence.

Lawrence industrial school.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, on

Insane persons.

a part of the petition of William Lloyd Garrison and others, and petitions in aid of the same, a Bill in regard to committals of insane persons.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Reports of the committee on Finance, asking to be discharged from further consideration :

State Normal
School pupils.

By Mr. Nichols of Haverhill, of the Resolve granting aid to pupils in the state normal schools.

Normal Art-
School.

By Mr. Breed of Lynn, of the Resolve in favor of the State Normal Art-School ; and

Special laws.

Of the Resolve providing for the printing of an additional volume of the special laws.

Edw'd Steimle.

By Mr. Loud of Winchendon, of the Resolve in favor of Edward M. Steimle of Boston ; and

South Boston
flats.

Of the Bill to make a further appropriation for the improvement of the Commonwealth's flats in Boston Harbor.

Disabled Sol-
diers' Bureau.

By Mr. Converse of Woburn, of the Resolve in favor of the Disabled Soldiers' Employment Bureau ;

J. H. Eldridge.

Of the Resolve in favor of Joshua H. Eldridge of Boston ; and

F. F. Follansbee.

Of the Resolve in favor of F. F. Follansbee of Boston.

Reports of the committee on Finance, ought to pass :

Discharged
female prison-
ers.

By Mr. Rust of Boston, the Resolve for the purpose of assisting discharged female prisoners ; and

Mary Monahan.

The Senate Resolve in favor of Mary Monahan of Scituate.

State aid.

By Mr. Nichols of Haverhill, the Bill relating to state aid paid on account of children born after the death of the father ;

Danvers hos-
pital.

The Bill for the supply of water to the state hospital for the insane in Danvers ; and

E. Fisher.

The Resolve in favor of Edward Fisher of Boston.

Scientific sur-
vey.

By Mr. Breed of Lynn, the Resolve providing for estimates for a scientific survey of the State, with an amendment.

Wm. Pratt.

By Mr. Loud of Winchendon, the Resolve in favor of William Pratt of Ashburnham ;

A. F. Howland.

The Senate Resolve in favor of Albert F. Howland of Acushnet ; and

Boston Harbor
fund.

The Bill to appropriate the income of the compensation fund for Boston Harbor.

Fishways.

By Mr. Rust of Boston, the Resolve relating to the improvement of the fishway in the Merrimack River at

Lawrence, and Holyoke fishway in the Connecticut River.

By Mr. Dean of Adams, the Resolve in favor of Samuel Easter of Boston; Samuel Easter.

The Resolve in favor of Patrick Buckley of North Adams; P. Buckley.

The Resolve in favor of the Worcester Light Infantry Company; and Worcester Light Infantry.

The Bill to renew the appropriation in relation to the flats, meadows and beaches on East Harbor Creek in Provincetown and Truro. East Harbor Creek.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow, the committee being discharged in the cases where such action was requested.

Taken from the Table.

On motion of Mr. King of Boston, the Bill to regulate the taking of fish in North River, in the county of Plymouth. North River. On motion of the same gentleman, the bill was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on passing it to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, the report of the committee on Printing, on a communication from the Bureau of Statistics of Labor, recommending the adoption of an order relative to the stereotyping and printing of the report of said Bureau for 1875. The same gentleman moved to substitute for the order a Resolve providing for the stereotyping, printing, binding and distribution of the decennial census and statistics of industry. Census. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, pending the above-named amendment.

Discharged from the Orders.

On motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, the Bill to revise the charter of the city of Fall River was discharged from the orders of the day, and, on motion of the same gentleman, was recommitted to the committee on the Judiciary. Fall River charter.

On motion of Mr. Parker of Milford, the report of the committee on Claims, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to equalizing the payment of state aid to disabled soldiers and their families was discharged from the orders of the day, and laid upon the table. State aid.

On motion of Mr. Stone of Waltham, the Resolve providing for an amendment of the Constitution to secure the elective franchise and the right to hold office to women Woman suffrage.

was discharged from the orders of the day, and its further consideration postponed to Tuesday, March 28.

Orders of the Day.

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Reports of the committee on the Judiciary :

Leave to withdraw, on the petition of the mayor of Boston for authority to establish additional places for polling votes ; and

Reference to the next General Court, on the petition of the mayor of Boston for the passage of an Act to regulate the assessment of taxes ;

Were severally accepted.

Reports :

Of the committee on Banks and Banking, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the North End Savings Bank of Boston for the removal of certain restrictions in location of said bank ;

Of the committee on Military Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition of E. P. Simpson and others for authority to form a military company in Framingham ;

Of the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel, reference to the next General Court, on the memorial of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad Company ;

Of the committee on the Fisheries, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to a codification of the fishery laws ;

Of the committee on Bureau of Statistics, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Wendell Phillips and others, for the continuance of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor, and increased facilities for the same ;

Of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of George M. Weston for payment of services rendered the State in connection with claims arising during the war of 1812-15 ;

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Moses S. Wheeler to be remunerated for wrongful imprisonment ; and

Reports of the committee on Banks and Banking, inexpedient to legislate :

On an Order relative to exempting from taxation real estate held by savings banks ;

On an Order relative to the appointment of trustees of savings banks by the Governor and Council ;

On an Order relative to loans and investment committees of savings banks ;

On an Order relative to the insurance of property on which the funds of savings banks are loaned ;

On an Order relative to the appointment of auditors of savings banks having deposits of more than a million dollars ;

On an Order relative to fixing a maximum rate of interest to be paid on loans made by savings banks on mortgage of real estate ; and

On an Order relative to trust companies, and to equalizing taxation on deposits of savings banks and trust companies ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Reports :

Of the committee on Claims, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of Walter Shanly for payment of claims for work done on the Hoosac Tunnel ;

Of the committee on the Liquor Law, leave to withdraw, on the petitions of various parties for the repeal of chapter 99 of the Acts of 1875, entitled an Act to regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors ; and

Of the committee on Railroads, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to so amending the general railroad law as to permit the construction of railroads of twenty-four inches gauge ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Bills :

To divide the Commonwealth into forty districts for the choice of Senators (amended on motion of Mr. White of Boston and Mr. Wilson of Taunton) ;

To authorize the city of Fall River to lay out and construct a way known as Pleasant Street through a private burial-ground ;

In addition to an Act to incorporate the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn ;

To authorize the county commissioners of the county of Essex to lay out a highway and construct a bridge over Ipswich River ;

To authorize the Fall River Railroad Company to sell or lease its road ;

To extend the time for the construction and completion of a highway and bridge across the Connecticut River, at Turner's Falls ;

To authorize the city of Boston to reconstruct Dover Street bridge, in said city ;

Fixing the compensation of the Secretary of the State Board of Health;

To authorize the city of Lynn to obtain a further supply of pure water;

To divide the Commonwealth into districts for the choice of the Council; and

To supply the town of Clinton with pure water; and
Resolves:

In relation to charges for transportation of coal by railroad corporations; and

Providing for an index of names changed by lawful authority;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

Relating to the preparation of the voting-lists and elections in cities;

To provide for the removal of wills from probate courts in certain cases;

To authorize certain proceedings with reference to the old village burying-ground in the town of West Stockbridge;

To establish the boundary line between Provincetown and Truro;

To authorize towns and cities to establish sinking funds for the payment of indebtedness incurred by subscriptions for the capital stock and securities of railroad corporations;

To change a portion of the harbor line in Gloucester harbor;

To alter the limits of Fire District No. 1 in the town of South Hadley; and

Authorizing an exchange of the bonds of the Salem Street Railway; and a

Resolve relating to papers and documents belonging to the files of the Senate and House of Representatives;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill (on leave) for the protection of the lobster fisheries was rejected, as recommended by the committee on the Fisheries.

The Bill (from the Senate files) requiring the use of self-couplers on freight-cars was rejected, as recommended by the committee on Railroads.

The Bill (on leave) to provide for the disposition of the

assets of savings banks, when they shall be insufficient to meet the liabilities, was rejected, as recommended by the committee on Banks and Banking.

The Bill in addition to an Act entitled an Act to regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors was further considered. The pending amendments moved by Messrs. Noble and Ingalls were withdrawn, and the yeas and nays being ordered on motion of Mr. Jenks of Boston, the bill was ordered to a third reading by a vote of 112 yeas to 104 nays, as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. Allen, Stillman B.
Alley, William A.
Babson, John J.
Ballou, Monroe E.
Batchelor Benjamin S.
Bowen, Francis C.
Brownell, Lysander N.
Buckminster, Joseph.
Burr, Isaac T.
Cobb, John D.
Coburn, Edward.
Coggeshall, Henry F.
Converse, Charles S.
Cook, John H.
Crocker, Elisha, Jr.
Danforth, Charles H.
Daniels, George F.
Dennis, Henry, Jr.
Doane, Freeman.
Downer, Francis E.
Estabrook, Adin C.
Evans, Alonzo H.
Fairbanks, George O.
Fish, William W.
Fisk, Luther.
Fiske, Wesley L.
Foque, Theodore N.
Gifford, Benjamin.
Gilmore, Onslow.
Gleason, Samuel S.
Hannum, Leander M.
Hathaway, Frederick.
Hathaway, Isaac N.
Hawks, Alanson K.
Heywood, Samuel R.
Hill, John B.

Messrs. Hill, Joseph W.
Holmes, Henry T.
Howe, George F.
Howland, Weston.
Huse, Caleb B.
Jones, Jesse H.
Keith, Ambrose.
Keith, Isaac N.
Keith, Ziba C.
Kendall, Edward.
Kimball, Ensign.
Kimball, Moses.
Knapp, Joel.
Knowles, John.
Knowlton, Hosea M.
Lindsay, Nathaniel E.
Longley, Samuel.
Mann, Seth, 2d.
March, Andrus.
Mayo, Edward F.
McPherson, Eben'r M.
Merritt, George W.
Miner, Henry S.
Morissey, John.
Morse, Elijah A.
Nelson, Sherman.
Nourse, B. Alden.
Nutter, Isaac N.
Parker, Frederick.
Paul, Joseph F.
Perry, George R.
Pew, Charles H., 2d.
Phinney, Stephen C.
Pierce, Edward L.
Pillsbury, Albert E.
Pope, Charles G.

Messrs. Preston, David A.	Messrs. Swett, Jackson B.
Prouty, David.	Swett, Noah.
Read, Henry C.	Taylor, Oliver.
Read, Washington.	Thayer, Davis, Jr.
Reed, George R.	Wade, Levi C.
Reed, George W.	Walden, Edwin.
Rice, Charles B.	Wallace, William S.
Richmond, Jonathan C.	Waterman, Eleazer E.
Rogers, Charles A.	Wellington, Austin C.
Root, Joseph H.	Wetherbee, John.
Ropes, Joseph S.	Whicher, John D.
Saunders, Amos J.	White, Benjamin.
Sawin, Samuel D.	White, James.
Sherman, Elon.	White, Joseph W.
Slade, Albion K.	Whitney, Edward.
Small, Isaiah A.	Wilson, George C.
Smith, Andrew.	Wing, Daniel.
Snow, Samuel.	Winship, Thomas.
Stevens, James T.	Winslow Isaac.
Stone, Frederick M.	Wood, Eliphaz H.

NATS.

Messrs. Abbe, James.	Messrs. Gibbons, John M.
Atkinson, Michael.	Goodsell, Curtis B.
Ayer, Edwin.	Granger, George W.
Bailey, Daniel D.	Hale, Charles.
Barry, Patrick.	Hall, Andrew.
Bartlett, James E. T.	Hapgood, Lyman S.
Bates, Eliakim A.	Hart, Joseph T.
Bird, Warren A.	Hartwell, James D.
Bird, Warren P.	Hicks, Samuel D.
Bradley, Osgood, Jr.	Hill, Henry B.
Bryant, Orrin.	Hitchings, Otis M.
Bugbee, Francis.	Hoffman, Ira W.
Capron, Charles C.	Holley, Richard.
Carney, Michael.	Hunt, Jonas S.
Chase, Frederick T.	Ingalls, Ephraim A.
Clapp, Frederic W.	Jenks, Thomas L.
Clark, John P.	Keith, Monroe.
Cook, Horace.	Kellogg, Ensign H.
Cordis, Thomas F.	Kennedy, Patrick.
Coveney, Jeremiah W.	King, William S.
Curtiss, Albert W.	Kingsbury, Joseph A.
Dean, Dallas J.	Kirtland Edwin L.
Freeto, John.	Knowlton, Henry C.
Fuller, Henry W.	Lawrence, Daniel W.
Gardner, Charles L.	Lee, Henry.
Gargan, Thomas J.	Mackintosh, James.
Garity, Thomas R.	McCafferty, Matthew J.

Messrs. Merritt, Christopher C.	Messrs. Shattuck, Calvin W.
Morrill, George W.	Shattuck, Elijah C.
Morse, William.	Sleeper, Solomon S.
Moseley, Frederick P.	Smith, Newton.
Murphy, Jeremiah.	Smith, Robert D.
Murphy, John J.	Smith, Webster.
Nichols, John B.	Southwick, John R.
Noble, Reuben.	Spaulding, Mark H.
Noonan, Daniel.	Stacey, Benjamin F.
Osgood, Charles S.	Supple, James F.
Owen, Harvey M.	Talbot, Samuel, Jr.
Parker, George G.	Taylor, Charles A.
Partridge, David A.	Truell, Byron.
Putnam, Henry W.	Tuttle, Henry G.
Read, Charles H.	Van Deusen, William I.
Reynolds, Rice M.	Wadsworth, Alexander.
Richards, Charles W.	Ward, Alanson W.
Robinson, Wallace F.	Warren, Alonzo.
Russell, Solomon N.	Washburn, John D.
Rust, Nathaniel J.	Watts, William.
Sandford, Addison.	Wetherell, John W.
Sawyer, Ebenezer.	Williams, Moses, Jr.
Sawyer, Enoch.	Wilson, John G.
Searle, John F.	Woods, William.
Seymour, Stephen E.	Woodward, James C.

Yeas, 112; nays, 104.

At 5.48, adjourned.

FRIDAY, March 24, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Rice of Danvers, a member of the House.

On motion of Mr. Hale of Boston,—

Ordered, That the unanimous report of the committee G. M. Weston. on Claims, unanimously accepted by the House on the 23d instant, leave to withdraw, on the petition of George M. Weston for compensation for services alleged to have been rendered the Commonwealth in influencing legislation by Congress, be entered at large on the journal of the House.

The report referred to in the above order is as follows:—

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 22, 1876.

The committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of George M. Weston, submit the following report:—

The petition referred to the committee is as follows:—

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

The undersigned memorialist prays that provision be made for the adjustment and payment of his accounts for services and expenditures, in procuring the final settlement by the United States, in 1859, of the claim of Massachusetts for advances made in the war of 1812–1815 with Great Britain, and, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

(Signed)

GEO. M. WESTON.

JANUARY 15, 1876.

This application has been, at different times, for so many years before the Legislature, and has been and is so persistently pressed by the petitioner, that it seems important that the facts of the case be fully laid before the Legislature.

Mr. Weston appeared before the committee at three several hearings, and had opportunity to make the fullest possible statement of his case. This he did at great length. The substance of his statement was as follows:—

On a petition presented by me to the Legislature of 1860, the committee on Claims were divided. Two reports were presented, signed by equal numbers of the committee. (See Senate Doc. 1860.)

Since that time there have been petitions presented several different years, without result.

In 1874, committee unanimously reported a Resolve that the Governor and Council be requested to examine my account, and report. The resolve passed the Senate. Rejected in the House.

In 1875 the result was the same as in 1874.

I was employed by the State of Maine, as commissioner, in 1856, charged with presenting the claim of State of Maine vs. United States. The claim was of forty years' standing. Four hundred and thirty thousand dollars was paid in 1832. The original claim was for about \$800,000. In 1836, Congress passed a law that all claims should be reëxamined, upon new principles of evidence.

The account of Massachusetts was thereafter audited, and a further sum of about \$280,000 was reported as due this State.

The Senate of the United States passed an Act between 1839 and 1845, providing for this payment three or four times. The House rejected it every time. The objections were set forth in the report of committee on military affairs in 1845. This ended the matter until May 18, 1852, when Massachusetts, by Resolve, appointed Hon. N. P. Banks agent to look after it, at Washington.

Report of committee was there made in the House in favor of it. It was rejected by the House without a count. Nothing further was done by Mr. Banks, as agent of Massachusetts, and from his experience he told me he had no faith in my procuring payment of the claim. He, however, wrote me, February 7, 1859, as follows: "Our purpose is to follow the lead of Maine, and I can assure you that whatever cost may fall upon Maine, my influence shall be exerted to make this State take its full part of the burden, with any advantage that may follow your efforts." I have lost the letter, but the committee on Claims had it in 1860, and so reported.

The Governor and Council of Maine were authorized to make compensation contingent on getting the claim allowed by Congress. I claimed twenty-five per cent., under a contract with the Governor and Council. The contract was denied by them, and they paid me only \$11,400, which was one-third of my claim. Maine should have paid the whole of my claim, and collected two-thirds of it from Massachusetts.

Massachusetts paid Mr. Hanscomb, who was appointed to coöperate with me only two weeks before the appropriation was passed by Congress, \$7,572.55, or five per cent. on her share of the amount recovered; viz., \$151,450. Maine recovered about \$75,725. I appeared before the Governor and Council of Massachusetts, and urged that a sufficient sum be paid Hanscomb for both him and me. It was understood, however, that Hanscomb was not to pay me from the amount finally allowed him. He never paid me anything, nor has the State of Massachusetts paid me anything. Hanscomb said he paid one person \$1,500.

I had an understanding with Governor Banks that expenses might be incurred, and he would use his influence to have me paid. In special message, March 19, 1859, Governor Banks says "that his promise to Mr. Weston was that Massachusetts would repay to Maine everything Maine might pay out in procuring allowance of claims," but at the same time he added, "if the agent of Maine, acting without authority of this State, has conferred upon Massachusetts, while in the service of Maine, important advantages, it would seem to present an equitable claim for compensation."

The Governor of Maine wrote the Governor of Massachusetts to the effect that Maine paid me only one-third of my claim. The committee of Claims, in 1860, had this letter, and so reported.

My claim is for expenditures and services in procuring the legislation for paying the claim of Massachusetts.

I was acting for the State of Maine in a case in which Massachusetts was interested to twice the extent of Maine.

Mr. Weston quoted the report of the committee on Claims. Senate Doc., March 2, 1860, reprinted by him. Majority in his favor; minority against him.

He considers the minority report, so far as the facts and arguments are concerned, very favorable to him, notwithstanding the conclusion was against him.

Weston says it was impossible for me to reach every one in Congress. I was editor of a Republican paper, and the state of political excitement was such that I was obliged to employ other persons to influence Southern and Western members.

The case is this: a favorable report was presented in the House by Major McCrea of Mississippi, from the Military Committee of the House, and a similar report from the Military Committee of the Senate was presented by Jefferson Davis. The ground on which I impressed Jefferson Davis was this: I told him McCrea had reported in favor of it in the House. He (Davis) asked me to send him McCrea's report. I did so, and then followed his report to the Senate.

These reports now needed to be acted upon, and an appropriation made for payment.

It is a rule in the Senate that no private claim shall be put upon the general appropriation bill, and no other matter except it had been reported by a committee.

The State of Georgia had a similar claim to this on another matter. The President of the Senate, Mr. Stuart of Michigan, decided that an amendment to the bill appropriating money for this claim was not in order. The Senate sustained the decision. This ruling was fatal to the claim of Massachusetts, if not reversed.

I employed Mr. Stevens, a lobby member from Michigan, to go to Stuart and get him to change his ruling when amendments in favor of the Massachusetts claim were moved. Mr. Stevens agreed to give his services for \$5,000 if the claim went through.

When the motion was made to amend the appropriation bill so as to provide for the payment of the claim of Massachusetts, Mr. Stuart, in the chair, in answer to a Senator, said it was in order. (This was about a week after the ruling of the Georgia case.) Mr. Toombs commenced to object, stating that it was contrary to previous ruling. Senator Iverson of Georgia went round and pulled Toombs' coat-tail, and he sat down. No further objection was made to ruling the claim in. The objections to ruling the Georgia case, to be in order, were overruled in the Massachusetts case, because,—

First. The claim of Massachusetts having been reëxamined by order of Congress, it was evident that Congress intended to pay what was found due.

Second. It was not open to objection on account of not being reported upon by a committee, for it had been reported favorably upon by the Military Committee of the House ; also by the same committee in the Senate.

Third. It was not in the nature of a private claim.

It was, therefore, only necessary that an appropriation should be made. It was for these reasons proper to make the amendment to provide for it.

The above reasons were presented by me to Mr. Stevens, and he was urged to present them to Mr. Stuart.

I made expenditures as follows :—

Paid Mr. Stevens, of Michigan,	\$3,000 00
General Amos Davis, of Georgia,	5,000 00
Mr. David Bone, of Ohio,	4,000 00
James Cooper, ex-Senator of Pennsylvania,	2,000 00
Sundry small sums,	700 00
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	\$14,700 00

Other sums were agreed to be paid, but were not, amounting to \$9,500. My claim is for two-thirds of this \$14,700.

Mr. Hanscomb and myself appeared before a committee of the executive council of Massachusetts, and made a confidential statement of expenditures as above.

Exaggerated reports found their way into the papers about these expenditures, which were represented to be unwarrantable and dishonest.

This influenced Hon. Henry Wilson, and other members of Congress from this State, to write the letter, signed by them (concerning this claim of mine) to the Legislature of the State, dated February 28, 1860. (See House Doc., No. 147, 1860.)

Hon. F. W. Bird appeared, and said: If Mr. Weston has any equitable claim against the State, we ought to pay it. He, however, did not think he had. He thought if Mr. W. had a claim, it was against the State of Maine, whose agent he was ; and if Massachusetts owed anything on this account, it was to the State of Maine, as stated in Gov. Banks's special message on this subject, March 19, 1859. The claims of the State of Maine on this subject were thoroughly examined by the Governor and Council, of which Mr. Bird was a member in 1864, and he made a report that there was a balance of amount reserved in 1831, due the State of Maine, including interest, of \$2,477.24. This report was founded on a letter from Gov. Coburn of Maine, addressed to Gov. Andrew, as follows :—

STATE OF MAINE.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
 AUGUSTA, April 9, 1863. }

His Excellency JOHN A. ANDREW, *Governor of Massachusetts.*

SIR :—It has been made my duty, by Resolves adopted by the Legislature of Maine, to invite an adjustment, between Maine

and Massachusetts, of the expenses incurred by the two States in the prosecution of the claim against the United States, for the reimbursement of moneys advanced by Massachusetts for the United States, in the war of 1812-15 with Great Britain.

Upon a general view of the case, it would seem to be plain, that the expenses of the prosecution of this claim should be borne by the two States in proportion to their respective interests in it.

It was upon this view that Massachusetts, in 1831, deducted from Maine's third of four hundred and nineteen thousand seven hundred and forty-eight dollars and twenty-six cents (\$419,748.26), the one-third part of twenty-three thousand one hundred and forty-eight dollars and twenty-six cents (\$23,148.26), for charges paid or expected to be paid, including the sum of four thousand five hundred and ninety-nine dollars and thirty-eight cents (\$4,599.38), computed as interest upon these charges. And it was upon the same view, in respect to the expenses incurred in obtaining the allowance of 1859, that Gov. Banks, in his message of March 19, 1860, to the Legislature of Massachusetts, said that, "if the State of Maine had incurred expenses for the recovery of the war debt, from which Massachusetts derived large advantages," he "should unhesitatingly recommend the legislature to assume, upon the request of that State, her proportional share of the burden."

I have appointed Hon. Samuel N. Blake, a distinguished citizen of Maine, to call the attention of your Excellency to the condition of the accounts between the two States in this matter.

So far as I am able to understand them, Maine has not been furnished with the evidence of the payment by Massachusetts of the sum of six thousand five hundred and twenty dollars and sixteen cents (\$6,520.16), retained in 1831, to meet possible charges not then liquidated. If this sum has not been paid, Maine would seem to be entitled to one-third of it, and with interest as charged by Massachusetts upon the various sums paid to her agents at Washington.

During the prosecution, before Congress, of the war debt claim, which resulted in the appropriation for its liquidation in 1859, Maine paid twelve thousand eight hundred and seventy-four dollars and eighty-two cents (\$12,874.82) specially and exclusively upon that claim, and five thousand two hundred and twenty-six dollars and seventy-four cents (\$5,226.74) for the prosecution of that claim with others.

It is understood here, that Massachusetts has paid considerable sums, and it is the desire of Maine to ascertain the amount so paid, and that, after a comparison of accounts, the burden of the expenses incurred should be ratably divided between the two States. It is also the desire of Maine, that all outstanding claims in connection with the Massachusetts war debt should be finally liquidated and discharged.

Mr. Blake is authorized to act in the premises on our part,

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and it will be gratifying to Maine if Massachusetts will designate some official authority with which he may conclude the adjustments which seem to be desirable.

I am, sir, with the highest respect,

Your ob't servant,

(Signed)

ABNER COBURN,

Governor of Maine.

The letter was communicated to the Legislature by Governor Andrew, and the matter was referred by the Legislature to the Governor and Council to examine and report. Hearings were had before the full council, the agent of Maine being present, and Mr. Bird, of the council, was instructed to prepare the report. This report was communicated by the Governor to the Legislature, and will be found in House Document, No. 383, 1864. We make the following extracts from the report:—

It was provided by the articles of separation between Massachusetts and Maine, that all moneys paid from the general government on account of this claim, should be divided in the proportion of two-thirds to Massachusetts and one-third to Maine. No provision was made in the articles relating to the expenses of prosecuting the claim. The natural inference would seem to be that the *net* proceeds were to be divided in the proportion above stated.

Accordingly, upon receiving an instalment of about \$419,000 in 1831, Massachusetts, deducting \$14,638.16 for expenses, and also reserving \$6,520.16 to pay unliquidated bills of expenses not then ascertained, divided the net balance in the proportion of two-thirds to herself and one-third to Maine.

Maine complained of the deduction of the expenses from the gross sum, but claimed that the gross sum should have been divided in the proportion of two to one, leaving each State to pay its own expenses. Up to this time Maine had assumed little or no agency in the matter, and her expenses had been very light.

From this time until 1859, with the exception of the sums paid for expenses unliquidated at the settlement of 1831, Massachusetts paid in all, for expenses, \$3,857.24, while Maine has paid during the same time, as her agent alleges, \$5,226.74. In 1858-9, both States seem to have resorted to the employment of "lobby agents,"—a species of agency adopted for the first, and we trust for the last, time by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Owing to peculiar circumstances not material now to be considered, but very slightly owing, as we think, to the labors of these agents, in 1859 another instalment of this claim was paid to Massachusetts by the general government, amounting to \$227,176. In dividing this amount, Massachusetts adopted

the rule which Maine complained of her for not adopting in 1831. She divided the gross sum in the proportion of two-thirds to Massachusetts and one-third to Maine, giving to Maine \$75,725 and to Massachusetts \$151,451.

Maine now claims that we should apply one rule or the other to both divisions, either in both cases deducting gross expenses from the gross sums received and dividing the net balance, or dividing the gross sum received and leaving each party to pay its own expenses. The undersigned fails to perceive any just ground for this claim. Either rule undoubtedly was admissible under the Act of separation, and either seems equitable. Massachusetts adopted one rule, and Maine complained; she then adopted the other, and again Maine complained.

It does not appear that Massachusetts ever agreed to assume any part of the expenses incurred by Maine, and the presumption is very strong that no accredited representative of Massachusetts would agree to bear any part of the expenses of lobby agents at Washington. Such questionable service must show definite authority. The undersigned can see no reason for going behind those settlements.

In 1859, Massachusetts paid her "lobby agent," appointed by Governor Banks, \$7,572.55 for his services, and Maine paid her agent for similar services, \$12,874.82. Maine claims that Massachusetts should assume her proportional share of the expenses paid by Maine for these services. It is understood that the "lobby agent" employed by Maine has a larger claim against that State for his services, and it seemed to have been his intention to present that claim before the council; but upon being informed that the council has no authority to attend to any claim but that of the State of Maine, Mr. Weston's claim was not pressed. It is unnecessary that the undersigned should add to what was previously stated to show that he regards both these claims inadmissible.

Rejecting all claims for "lobby" services of the agent of Maine, the council found that there was due Maine, as her part of the unexpended balance reserved in 1831, for the payment of expenses, not ascertainable at the time of the payment to Maine of her share of the instalment, \$1,046.72. Calculating interest on this for twenty-seven years, the amount was \$2,477.24; and the report recommended the payment of that sum to the State of Maine "in full for all claims growing out of the war debt of 1812-15." The report was communicated to the Legislature, and a Resolve was passed, chap. 100, 1864.

This sum was paid to Maine in December, 1864, and was receipted for by Maine, under the provisions of that

Resolve, as a payment in full of all claims; and upon every rule of law or equity, unless entirely new evidence transpired, this was a final settlement of the whole matter. When Mr. Weston's claim was before the Legislature, in 1860, the following communication was sent to the Legislature, and printed in House Doc., No. 147 :—

To the Legislature of the State of Massachusetts:

The undersigned have to-day learned for the first time that a claim has been presented to your honorable body, embracing items of a most extraordinary character, among other things, for what is called "party debt"; also for sums paid or promised to lobby agents, and for services said to have been rendered in procuring from the last Congress the payment on account of the debt of the United States to Massachusetts.

The undersigned are utterly ignorant of any circumstances on which such a claim can be founded. Beyond the representatives of Massachusetts in the two houses of Congress, acting according to their official duty, and Mr. Hancomb, the only authorized agent of Massachusetts, whose services have already been acknowledged, they are not aware that any other person was employed at that time in promoting the claim of Massachusetts.

It was well known to the undersigned, that Mr. George M. Weston represented at that time the interest of Maine, but it was not known to them that he was in any way the agent of Massachusetts. If he or any other person, acting for themselves, incurred such extraordinary liabilities as are indicated in the items of his claim now published to the world, or indeed, any other liabilities whatever, it was done wholly without consultation with the undersigned, and without their knowledge or even suspicion.

Self-respect and duty to the Commonwealth seem to require this statement, in which all the members of the last delegation in Congress would unquestionably join, were they now here.

HENRY WILSON.
JAMES BUFFINTON.
A. BURLINGAME.
H. L. DAWES.
D. W. GOOCH.
ELI THAYER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 28, 1860.

In the course of the inquiry, Mr. F. W. Bird, to whom the Committee are much indebted for valuable documents and suggestions, stated that he received a private letter from Senator Wilson, several years ago, relating to the matter, which he feared was lost, as he had been, so far,

unable to find it. At the request of the Committee that he would continue the search, and furnish them such other information as was in his possession, or within his reach, he proposed to address a letter to General Banks, making inquiries as to his acts as governor, upon the matter. This he did, and at a subsequent meeting he presented the Wilson letter, and the response of Hon. N. P. Banks.

These letters are as follows :—

NATICK, June 3, 1869.

HON. F. W. BIRD.

DEAR SIR :—In reply to your note, asking me what I think of the claim of Geo. M. Weston, as agent of the State of Maine, in aiding to secure the passage through Congress of the Massachusetts claim in 1859.

In reply, I have to say I know very little about the services of Mr. W. in securing the payment of that claim. It appears that Maine, whose agent he was, paid him \$12,874.82; and it seems to me that this is a most extraordinary sum to be paid to any man for a few months' service.

A bill was introduced into the House by Mr. Chaffee, of the Springfield district, and referred to the committee on Military Affairs, of which committee Mr. Buffinton was a member. It was referred by the committee to Geo. McCrea, of Mississippi, who made an examination of the case, reported in favor of it to the committee, and was instructed by all of the committee, excepting Mr. Phelps of Missouri, to report it to the House, which he did; but the bill was not considered.

On the 11th of February, I introduced the bill that became a law. It was referred to the committee on Military Affairs, of which I was a member. I called it up in the committee, stated the facts of the case, and moved its reference to Mr. Chestnut of South Carolina for examination. He did examine it carefully, and reported the facts to the committee. After some discussion, the committee unanimously instructed me to report the bill to the Senate, with directions to call it up for consideration, or to move it on the army appropriation bill when that bill should be considered. I went to Jefferson Davis, chairman of the committee, and asked him if he would do me the personal favor to report the bill. He did so on the 23d of February. On the 26th, at my request, he moved it as an amendment upon the army appropriation bill, and the amendment was adopted, with very little opposition. The House, after some debate, concurred in the amendment by a vote of 174 yeas to 23 nays; so the bill passed through Congress with very little opposition.

I saw little of Mr. Weston, and know very little of the work he did. Mr. Hanscomb, our state agent, did what he could, for which he received \$7,572.55. I do not know whether either of these agents employed the services of any other persons to aid

them. As Congress was nearly unanimously in favor of paying the just claims of Massachusetts, I am of opinion the labor of agents contributed little to the result. No money could be improperly used, and if it was attempted to be used, it would be a criminal attempt, that should receive no sanction from any quarter.

Very respectfully,
(Signed) HENRY WILSON.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, WASHINGTON, D. C., }
February 19, 1876. }

MY DEAR SIR:—Your letter of the 15th instant I received this morning. Mr. Weston never had any authority from me, or from any other person representing Massachusetts, to act for that State in the matter of the Massachusetts war claim of 1812. He was the agent of Maine exclusively, and not of Massachusetts. Mr. S. P. Hanscomb was the agent of Massachusetts. He was appointed for the State, to act in conjunction with the agent of Maine, in the prosecution of that claim, Mr. Weston having desired that Massachusetts should appoint an agent, and expressing his satisfaction, if not his wish, that Mr. Hanscomb should be appointed.

The prosecution of the claim at that time was commenced by the State of Maine—of which Mr. Weston had been made the agent—before Massachusetts had taken any step in the matter, and without any knowledge that Maine had taken action or appointed an agent, the action of Massachusetts was in support of the action of Maine. Maine was the leader, and Massachusetts supported her action. The only request made of Massachusetts by the agent of Maine grew out of an apprehension expressed to me by Mr. Weston, as the agent of the State, that if that State, in pursuance of the steps she had taken, should succeed in collecting the claim, Massachusetts would be entitled to two-thirds of the amount paid by the general government, without any obligation to pay any portion of the expenses incurred *by the State of Maine*.

To remove any apprehension of this character, I gave him a letter stating that Massachusetts regarded Maine as the leader in the application, and would take upon herself her share of any expense that should be incurred *by the State of Maine* in its prosecution, in proportion to the money she should receive. The letter was an official one, and is on file in the office of secretary of state. It was perfectly satisfactory to Mr. Weston then. The council settled with Mr. Hanscomb, and the settlement was, as I understood, satisfactory to Mr. Weston. If any claim is now presented *by the State of Maine*, or for expenses incurred by the State of Maine in the prosecution of that claim, Massachusetts ought to pay her proportion of that expense according to her receipts. But she cannot in honor recognize any other claim. The letter to Mr. Weston, herein referred to,

states exactly the relation of the States to each other in this matter.

Very respectfully, yours, &c.,
(Signed) N. P. BANKS.

All the foregoing documents and letters were placed in Mr. Weston's hands, and, after reading them, he sent to the committee the following communication :—

BOSTON, March 3, 1876.

To the Hon. Committee on Claims :

I respectfully submit the following remarks on letters of the late Mr. Wilson and Governor Banks, shown to me since the hearing of this morning.

Mr. Wilson's statements are merely negative testimony. He does not profess to know what I did or did not do. It is natural that he should wish to claim merit for the allowance of the war claim. I have never failed to do justice to the fidelity of the delegations of the two States. But that does not affect the fact of my services and expenditures.

Governor Banks re-argues the point that Maine ought to have paid my whole bill, and that then his promise was that Massachusetts would refund to Maine. That is too paltry a dodge from the plain meaning of his promise to me of February 7, 1859. It will influence no candid mind. Governor Banks's statement, that I was "*satisfied*" with the allowance to Mr. Hanscomb, carries the implication that I accepted that as a satisfaction of *my* claim. If that is his intended implication, I denounce it as utterly unfounded. It is proved to be so by his message of March 19, 1860 (see Senate Document, No. 115, of 1860), relating to my claim, in which, instead of setting up this new pretence that I was "*satisfied*" already, he uses the following language :—

"If the agent of Maine, acting without authority of this State, has conferred upon Massachusetts, while in the service of Maine, important advantages, it would seem to present equitable claim for relief."

When the allowance was made to Mr. Hanscomb, in 1859, Governor Banks and his council informed me that they had no power to settle with me, and that I must apply to the Legislature.

And I now affirm, that after reading the reports of the committee on Claims of 1860, Governor Banks said to me that on those reports the Commonwealth could not escape the duty of paying me.

The relations of Governor Banks and Mr. Hanscomb must be judged of by the people of Massachusetts. Friends of mine have more than once suggested to me the suspicion that their relations were peculiar, and not favorable to my prospects of obtaining justice.

(Signed) GEORGE M. WESTON.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 1876.

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He also handed to the committee the following copies from letters :—

U. S. SENATE CHAMBER, WASHINGTON, }
April 2, 1871. }

MY DEAR SIR:—I well remember your able and efficient services in the recent successful prosecution of the claims held jointly by Maine and Massachusetts against the United States. Personally, I received important help from you in the report which I made from the committee of Foreign Relations, explaining and sustaining the claim. At the same time, I know that you were at work to the same end, in other quarters.

Faithfully yours,

(Signed)

CHARLES SUMNER.

To Hon. Geo. M. Weston.

PORTLAND, November 22, 1860.

I cheerfully bear my testimony to the ability, faithfulness and success with which Mr. George M. Weston has conducted the affairs of Maine as its agent at Washington. Should the Governor and Council of Maine see fit to reappoint him, I have no doubt that he would prosecute the claims of our State upon the general government with all fidelity and skill. I know of no other person so well qualified, in all essential particulars, to prosecute the claims to advantage.

(Signed)

W. P. FESSENDEN.

He also laid before the Committee letters addressed to the Governor of Maine in 1860, by Senator Hamlin and by Representatives Morse, French and Perry, recommending the reappointment of Mr. Weston as agent to prosecute the claim at Washington. The above statements and documents comprise the whole of the evidence presented by Mr. Weston to the Committee, and though much of it may seem irrelevant, we give Mr. Weston the benefit of a full publication.

It appears from Mr. Weston's statement that his claim has been made to our Legislature several times within the last sixteen years, and has been uniformly rejected. In 1860, the committee to whom it was referred were equally divided; three of the committee,—Messrs. D. F. Parker, of the Senate, and N. K. Noble and T. M. Stoughton of the House,—reported in favor of referring the matter to the Governor and Council; three of the committee,—Messrs. Nehemiah Boynton, John C. Tucker and Otis Cary,—reported leave to withdraw. No action was taken by the Legislature.

Since that time, in one or two instances, the committee recommended reference of the matter to the Governor and Council, but in every case the Legislature rejected the Resolve.

We have thus presented all the facts and documents, which a diligent search has enabled us to find, which seemed to have any important bearing upon the question.

The burden of proof rests upon Mr. Weston. He claims that he paid \$14,700 to sundry individuals to help "lobby" this claim through; and that he promised to pay \$9,500 more, but he makes no claim for this. He asks that Massachusetts should pay him two-thirds of \$14,700 claimed to have been paid for "lobby" services. Before this claim can be admitted, it is incumbent on Mr. Weston to show,—

1st. That he was authorized to act as the agent of Massachusetts. He makes no pretension that he was thus authorized. He was the agent of the State of Maine solely, and he has no better claim upon Massachusetts for payment for services, than Mr. Hanscomb has upon Maine. They were expected, of course, to cooperate, and each was to look to his own principal for payment. It was the understanding, as stated in the report of the committee of the council, that the gross sum received should be divided in the proportion of two to one, and that each party should pay its own expenses.

Again, we hardly need say that before Massachusetts pays a claim of "lobby" services of this nature, even if performed by her own accredited agent, there must be the clearest proof that she expected him to resort to such questionable means. No proof of this kind appears.

It further appears, from all the documents, and especially from Gen. Banks's letter, that it was never expected that any claim could be recognized as legitimate unless made by the *State of Maine*; that it was never expected or intended that any individual was entitled to payment except the accredited agent of Massachusetts. Gen. Banks states clearly the conclusion to which every fair-minded man must come: that Massachusetts cannot, in honor, recognize any other claim.

2d. But the Committee, unwilling to rest this case upon the technical ground, are ready to admit, to use the language of Gov. Banks, Senate Doc. 115, 1860: "If the agent of Maine, acting without the authority of this State, has conferred upon Massachusetts, while in the service of

Maine, important advantages, it would seem to present equitable claim for relief." It seems, however, to the Committee, that Mr. Weston has entirely failed to show that he has conferred on Massachusetts important advantages; or, indeed, that his efforts contributed at all to the result. Massachusetts had then, in Congress, able men. In the Senate, Charles Sumner and Henry Wilson; in the House, Robert B. Hall, James Buffinton, William S. Damrell, Linus B. Comins, Anson Burlingame, Timothy Davis, D. W. Gooch, Chauncy L. Knapp, Eli Thayer, C. C. Chaffee, and Henry L. Dawes. Surely any matter concerning the interests or the honor of Massachusetts was safe in these hands.

Mr. Wilson was a member of the Senate Committee on Military Affairs. Mr. Buffinton was a member of the same committee in the House. Nothing need be said as to the ability of those gentlemen and of the whole delegation, to carry a just measure through Congress. This claim for nearly thirty years had been repeatedly examined and reported favorably as just, but had been defeated mainly by sectional hostility. It was an open secret in Washington, when the claim was finally passed, that it owed its success to its support by Jefferson Davis; that he had just previously made a tour of New England, and specially of Maine, and that, anticipating possibly being a candidate for president in 1860, he was naturally desirous of standing favorably with the people of that section. Be this as it may, with the statements of Gen. Wilson, and of our delegation in Congress, that they knew of no services performed by Mr. Weston, it is asking too much of us to believe that such services as Mr. Weston claims to have performed, admitting that he did all that he claims to have done, entitle him equitably to payment from Massachusetts. As Gen. Wilson well said: "No money could be improperly used, and if it was attempted to be used, it would be a criminal attempt, that should receive no sanction from any quarter."

The only item of evidence as to his services which Mr. Weston produces, is the brief note from Mr. Sumner. Whatever information he may have given to Mr. Sumner, it was his duty as the agent of Maine to give, and only such as it would be the duty of every citizen of Maine or Massachusetts to give without money payment.

After a careful consideration of the whole case, the Committee conclude,—

First. That whatever claims the State of Maine had growing out of this war debt, have all been fully examined, and equitably settled, and full and final payment made by Massachusetts, and acknowledged by Maine.

Second. That Massachusetts never agreed, and was never under any obligation, to pay any individual except her own accredited agent.

Third. That Mr. Weston performed no services which, upon the broadest rules of equity, form any ground of claim upon Massachusetts.

The Committee therefore report unanimously that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

GEO. L. DAVIS,
H. W. ROBINSON,
M. O. AYRES,
Of the Senate.

HENRY B. HILL,
HENRY S. MINER,
AMOS J. SAUNDERS,
M. J. CROAK,
D. L. WEBSTER,
EDWARD WHITNEY,
J. BUCKMINSTER,
A. K. HAWKS,
Of the House.

Reports of a Committee.

Second District
Court of Bristol.

By Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, from the committee on District Courts, on the petition of James M. Morton and others for increase of salary of the justice and clerk of the Second District Court of Bristol, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the same, and recommending that it be referred to the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures. Read, accepted under suspension of the rule, and sent up for concurrence, in so much as discharges the committee.

District Court
for Southern
Middlesex.

By Mr. McCafferty of Worcester, from the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of the mayor and aldermen of Newton for the establishment of a district court in the southern part of Middlesex County. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Papers from the Senate.

A petition from the Boston Commercial Exchange and merchants of Boston, in regard to guaranteed bills of lading, came down referred to the committee on Railroads, under suspension of the 20th joint rule. The House refused to concur in the suspension of the rule, and the petition was referred in non-concurrence to the next General Court.

Guaranteed bills
of lading.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Railroads be allowed until the 31st of March to conclude their reports to the Legislature.

Railroad com-
mittee.

Ordered, In concurrence, that 1,000 copies of the report of the State Board of Health be reserved for the use of the next General Court.

Board of Health.

Reports :

Of the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to biennial elections of state officers, etc. ;

Biennial elec-
tions.

Of the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to abolishing the Council ;

Abolition of the
Council.

Of the committee on Roads and Bridges, reference to the next General Court, on a communication (taken from the files) from the Secretary of the Board of Agriculture, relative to the width of rims of wheels on loaded wagons, and petitions for legislation on the same subject ;

Broad-rimmed
wheels.

Of the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, inexpedient to legislate, on the Resolutions of the Boston Board of Trade relative to a capitation tax upon immigrants ; and

Capitation tax.

Of the committee on Education, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to salaries paid by the Board of Education ;

Board of Educa-
tion salaries.

Severally accepted by the Senate, were read, and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Bills :

To prevent the recurrence and spread of Spanish fever, or Texas cattle disease, in this State ;

Cattle disease.

In addition to an Act to incorporate the Baldwin Place Home for Little Wanderers ;

Baldwin Place
Home.

Relating to the sealing of weights and measures ;

Weights and
measures.
Regulation of
mills.

To amend chapter 144 of the Acts of 1873, for the erection and regulation of mills ;

To incorporate the town of Merrimac ; and a

Merrimac.

Prison Commissioners. Resolve concerning the Commissioners of Prisons; Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read, and ordered to a second reading.

South Abington. A Resolve in favor of the town of South Abington, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred in course to the committee on Finance.

Resolve Passed.

Resolve passed. An engrossed Resolve to provide for the payment from the treasury of certain educational expenses, was passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Taken from the Table.

Bryant Free Library. On motion of Mr. Kellogg of Pittsfield, his motion to suspend the 20th joint rule, so that a Bill (on leave) to incorporate the Bryant Free Library might be considered. After debate, the motion to suspend the rule was carried. On motion of Mr. Stone of Waltham, the rule requiring the bill to be referred to a committee was also suspended, and it was placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

Discharged from the Orders.

Senatorial districts. On motion of Mr. Truell of Lawrence, the Bill to divide the Commonwealth into forty districts for the choice of Senators was discharged from the orders of the day. On further motion of the same gentleman, the consideration of the bill was postponed until Thursday, March 30, and the amendment proposed by him, with tables showing the number of voters in each city or town, was ordered to be printed.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day. The report of the committee on Military Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Worcester Light Infantry for permission to go without the limits of the State, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Agriculture, no legislation necessary, on an Order referring to said committee so much of the Governor's address as relates to agriculture, was accepted in concurrence.

Bills:

To further define the duties of county treasurers (amended on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston);

To reduce the expenses and increase the efficiency of the militia (amended on motion of Messrs. King, Gargan and H. B. Hill of Boston, Morse of Canton, and Holmes of Chelsea) ;

To provide for the appointment of consulting engineers in reference to water supply and drainage ;

Concerning life insurance policies made for the benefit of married women ;

To incorporate the Dedham Water Company ;

To appropriate the income of the compensation fund for Boston Harbor ; and

To authorize the construction of certain narrow-gauge railroads in Billerica and Bedford ; and

Resolves :

In favor of the Disabled Soldiers' Employment Bureau ;

Providing for the printing of an additional volume of the special laws ;

Relating to the improvement of the fishway in the Merimack River at Lawrence, and Holyoke fishway in the Connecticut River ;

In favor of the Worcester Light Infantry Company ;

For the purpose of assisting discharged female prisoners ; and

In favor of Mary Monahan of South Scituate ;

Were severally read, and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

In addition to an Act to incorporate the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn ;

To authorize the Fall River Railroad Company to sell or lease its road ;

To authorize the city of Boston to reconstruct Dover Street bridge, in said city ;

To extend the time for the construction and completion of a highway and bridge across the Connecticut River at Turner's Falls ; and

Resolves :

Providing for an index of names changed by lawful authority ; and

In relation to charges for transportation of coal by railroad corporations ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

Concerning religious societies ; and

To supply the town of Clinton with pure water ;
Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

At 5.30, adjourned.

SATURDAY, March 25, 1876.

Met according to adjournment, Mr. Hale of Boston in the chair.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Papers from the Senate.

Service of
warrants.

The Bill in relation to the service of warrants issued by district or police courts or trial justices came down passed to be engrossed in concurrence by the Senate, with amendments. Placed in the orders of the day for Monday, under suspension of the rule requiring reference to a House committee, the question being on concurring in the amendments.

Elizabeth
Howes.

A Resolve in favor of Elizabeth Howes, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred in course to the committee on Finance.

Reports :

Manager Troy
& Greenfield
Railroad and
Hoosac Tunnel.

Of the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel, inexpedient to legislate, on the report of the manager of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad and Hoosac Tunnel ;

Dudley and
Webster.

Of the committee on Towns, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Josiah Perry and others for the annexation of a portion of the town of Dudley to the town of Webster, and remonstrances against the same ;

Board of Health
report.

Of the committee on Education, no legislation necessary, on that portion of the report of the State Board of Health referred to said committee by an order of January 28 ;

Sandisfield,
Otis and Tol-
land.

Of the committee on Claims, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of the towns of Sandisfield, Otis and Tolland for reimbursement for money expended by them in the partial construction of the Lee and New Haven Railroad ; and

Chas. H. Lewis.

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Charles H. Lewis for compensation for removing shoals in Boston Harbor ;

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

Bills:

Authorizing the cities of Boston and Chelsea to reconstruct Chelsea Bridge; Chelsea Bridge.

Relating to the passage of vessels through drawbridges; Drawbridges.

To change the name of the West Congregational Society in Dracut; West Congregational Society in Dracut.

To allow the use of tents and camp equipage by educational institutions; and Tents and camp equipage.

To provide additional terminal facilities in Springfield for the Springfield, Athol and North-Eastern Railroad and the Springfield and New London Railroad; Springfield, Athol & North-Eastern Railroad and Springfield & New London Railroad.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Taken from the Table.

On motion of Mr. Clapp of Framingham, the report of W. N. Mason. the committee on Probate and Chancery, leave to withdraw, on the petition of W. N. Mason for an Act to correct a clerical error in a deed of assignment given by the judge of probate of Middlesex County. On motion of the same gentleman, the report was placed in the orders of the day for Monday, pending his motion to amend by substituting a bill.

On motion of Mr. Wade of Newton, the Bill to confer a veto power on the mayors of cities. On motion of the same gentleman, the bill was placed in the orders of the day for Monday, the question being on ordering it to a third reading. Veto power of mayors.

Discharged from the Orders.

Mr. J. W. Hill of Boston raised the point that the Bill (on leave) to incorporate the Bryant Free Library was improperly in the orders of the day, it not having been to the Senate for concurrence in suspension of the 20th joint rule. Bryant Free Library.

The Chair ruled that the point was well taken, and the bill was discharged from the orders of the day and sent up for concurrence in suspension of the rule.

On motion of Mr. Churchill of Boston, the Bill for the supply of water to the State Hospital for the Insane in Danvers was discharged from the orders of the day. On Danvers Insane Hospital.

further motion of the same gentleman, the bill was laid on the table.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

Reports :

Of the committee on Railroads, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Jacob Hittinger and others for the repeal of section 2 of chapter 401 of the Acts of 1874, relating to the Fitchburg Railroad Company ;

Of the committee on Military Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Veteran Artillery Association of Amesbury and Salisbury for permission to organize as a military company, and to parade in public with arms ; and

Of the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, leave to withdraw, on so much of the petition of William Lloyd Garrison and others for legislation relative to lunatic hospitals, and petitions in aid of the same, as relates to the appointment of a commissioner of lunacy ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Reports :

Of the committee on Harbors, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order referring to said committee so much of the Governor's address as relates to the Harbor Commissioners and the South Boston flats ;

Of the committee on Constitutional Amendments, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to abolishing the Council ;

Of the committee on Education, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to salaries paid under direction of the Board of Education ; and

Of the committee on Agriculture, reference to the next General Court, on the communication (from the files) from the Secretary of the Board of Agriculture, in relation to the width of rims of wheels on loaded wagons, and petitions for legislation on the same subject ;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Bills :

To extend the provisions of chapter 401. of the Acts of the year 1874, in relation to the taking of land by the Fitchburg Railroad Company (amended on motion of Mr. Smith of Boston) ;

To authorize the town of Greenfield to raise money to reimburse the Commonwealth for land taken for a railroad in Greenfield ;

In addition to an Act to incorporate the Baldwin Place Home for Little Wanderers ;

To amend chapter 144 of the Acts of 1873 for the erection and regulation of mills ;

To incorporate the town of Merrimac ; and

Resolves :

Granting county taxes ; and

In favor of Albert F. Howland of Acushnet ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To amend an Act relating to a public common in the town of Mattapoisett (amended on motions of Messrs. Howland of Mattapoisett and Jenks of Boston) ;

Concerning attachments ;

To authorize the county commissioners of the county of Essex to lay out a highway and construct a bridge over Ipswich River ;

To further define the duties of county treasurers ;

To provide for the appointment of consulting engineers in reference to water supply and drainage ;

Concerning life insurance policies made for the benefit of married women ; and

To appropriate the income of the compensation fund for Boston Harbor ; and

Resolves :

In favor of the Disabled Soldiers' Employment Bureau ;

Relating to the improvement of the fishway in the Merrimac River at Lawrence, and Holyoke fishway in the Connecticut River ;

In favor of the Worcester Light Infantry Company ;

For the purpose of assisting discharged female prisoners ; and

Providing for the printing of an additional volume of the special laws ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to extend the time for building the Squantum Free Bridge ; and the

Resolve in favor of Mary Monahan of South Scituate ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The report of the committee on Railroads, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the inhabitants of the town

of Everett for legislation requiring the Eastern Railroad Company to furnish suitable depot accommodations in the town was considered. Mr. Evans of Everett moved to amend by substituting a Bill requiring the Eastern Railroad Company to erect a station-house in Everett. After debate, the motion prevailed; and the bill, having been read, was placed in the orders of the day for a second reading on Monday.

The report of the committee on Towns, leave to withdraw, on the petition of J. W. Chadwick and others, for the annexation of a portion of the town of Medford to the town of Malden was considered. Mr. Foque of Malden moved to amend by substituting a Bill to set off a part of the town of Medford to the town of Malden. The bill was ordered to be printed, and further consideration of the matter was postponed till Monday.

At 1.05, adjourned.

MONDAY, March 27, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Taxation.

Mr. Wetherell of Worcester presented the petition of Ledyard Bill and others for just and equal taxation. Placed on file.

Teachers' institutes, etc.

Mr. White of Boston asked leave to introduce a Bill to amend the General Statutes relating to teachers' institutes, the duties of school committees, and the attendance of children in the public schools. On request of Mr. Hale of Boston, the matter was laid over, under the rule.

Bills Enacted.

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills:

To incorporate the New Bedford Marine Insurance Company;

To authorize the appointment and to define the duties of a harbor-master for the port of Salem;

To authorize, in certain cases, the mortgage of real estate held by executors and others;

Concerning appointments by the mayor and aldermen in cities ;

Relating to receivers of insurance companies ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Concerning religious societies ; and

To authorize the town of Arlington to issue additional water scrip, and to limit the amount thereof ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves :

In favor of the city of Lynn ;

In favor of the town of Scituate ; and

In favor of the Greenville Manufacturing Company ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives) ;

Were severally passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Resolves
passed.

Discharged from the Orders.

On motion of Mr. Loud of Winchendon, the Bill in relation to the taxation of church property was discharged from the orders of the day. On further motion of the same gentleman, consideration of the same was postponed until Friday, March 31. Taxation.

On motion of Mr. Miner of Phillipston, the Bill fixing the compensation of the Secretary of the State Board of Health was discharged from the orders of the day, and, on his further motion, was recommitted to the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures. Secretary of the
Board of Health.

Orders of the Day.

Reports :

Of the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, inexpedient to legislate, on the Resolutions of the Boston Board of Trade, respecting proposed capitation tax upon immigrants ;

Of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Charles H. Lewis for compensation for removing shoals in Boston Harbor ;

Of the committee on Education, inexpedient to legislate, on that portion of the report of the State Board of Health which was referred to said committee by an Order of January 28 ;

Orders of the
day.

Of the committee on Towns, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Josiah Perry and others for the annexation of a portion of the town of Dudley to the town of Webster, and remonstrances against the same; and

Of the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel, inexpedient to legislate, on the report of the manager of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad and Hoosac Tunnel;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Bills:

In addition to section 38 of chapter 120 of the General Statutes, in relation to disturbances of the peace;

To renew the appropriation in relation to the flats, meadows and beaches on East Harbor Creek in Provincetown and Truro (amended as recommended by the committee on Finance);

In relation to the Industrial School at Lawrence;

To prevent the recurrence and spread of Spanish fever, or Texas cattle disease, in this State;

To allow the use of tents and camp equipage by educational institutions;

To change the name of the West Congregational Society in Dracut; and

Authorizing the cities of Boston and Chelsea to reconstruct Chelsea Bridge;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

Relating to ward officers in the city of Boston (amended on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston);

Relating to the preparation of the list of jurors in the city of Boston;

Relating to the attendance of officers upon district courts;

To authorize the Old Colony Railroad Company to purchase the railroad of the Fall River, Warren and Providence Railroad Company;

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To authorize the city of Fall River to lay out and construct a way known as Pleasant Street through a private burial-ground; and

To extend the provisions of chapter 401 of the Acts of the year 1874, in relation to the taking of land by the Fitchburg Railroad Company;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

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Barry, Patrick.
Bartlett, Daniel W.
Bartlett, James E. T.

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Clapp, Lafayette.
Coburn, Edward.
Coggahall, Henry F.
Converse, Charles S.
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Cordis, Thomas F.
Crocker, Elisha, Jr.

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In relation to the Industrial School at Lawrence;

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To change the name of the West Congregational Society in Dracut; and

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yesterday, was refused. Subsequently, Mr. White moved to reconsider the vote of refusal, and the motion was placed first in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Trustee process. Mr. Hale of Boston moved to reconsider the vote whereby the House yesterday refused to pass to be engrossed the Bill regulating costs on trustee process in which wages are attached, and the motion was, on his further motion, laid on the table.

Papers from the Senate.

Taxation of personal property. Notice was received from the Senate of the rejection by that branch of the House Bill concerning the duties of assessors in relation to the taxation of personal property.

Attorneys-at-law. The Senate Bill concerning the admission of persons to practice as attorneys-at-law came down with the indorsement that the Senate insisted on its non-concurrence in the House amendment, and asked for a committee of conference.

The House agreed to the appointment of a committee, and Messrs. Dacey, Robinson of Hampden, and Bowman having been appointed by the Senate, Messrs. Pierce of Milton, Gardner of Palmer, and Smith of Boston were joined on the part of the House.

Bills :

Administrators. Relating to the appointment of special administrators;
Bank robbery. Relating to the punishment of bank, safe and vault robbery ; and

Dalton. Concerning the registry of deeds for the town of Dalton ;

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read and referred, the first to the committee on Probate and Chancery, and the last two to the committee on the Judiciary.

Bills :

Taxes in fire districts. To amend section 44 of chapter 24 of the General Statutes, relating to the assessment of taxes in fire districts ;

Deposit notes. Relating to deposit notes of mutual fire insurance companies ; and

Congressional districts. In addition to an Act to divide the Commonwealth into districts for the choice of representatives in the Congress of the United States ; and

Resolves :

Board of Health. In relation to the State Board of Health ;

Authorizing the appointment of a commission to inquire into the expediency of revising the judicial system of the State; and

Providing for an amendment to the Constitution to render the president, professors and instructors of Harvard College eligible to seats in the Senate and House of Representatives;

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Bill Enacted.

An engrossed Bill to extend the time for building the Squantum Free Bridge (which originated in the Senate) was passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, from the committee on District Courts, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of John T. Clark, chairman of the Board of Aldermen of the city of Boston, for the revision of the municipal and district court system.

By Mr. Reed of South Abington, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to the custody, discipline and training of juvenile offenders.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Discharged from the Orders.

On motion of Mr. Haskell of Ipswich, the Bill to secure greater publicity and uniformity in the accounts of railroad corporations was discharged from the orders of the day. The same gentleman moved to amend by substituting a Bill; and on his further motion, the matter was laid upon the table, and the substitute bill ordered to be printed.

Orders of the Day.

The report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to recording evidence of conditional sales of personal property was accepted in concurrence.

Bills:

Concerning municipal, police and district courts, and

the taxation of costs in civil and criminal cases in said courts, and by justices of the peace and trial justices; and

Relating to the passage of vessels through drawbridges; and the

Resolve concerning the Commissioners of Prisons;
Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

To amend section 58 of chapter 178 of the General Statutes, relative to supporting prisoners;

In relation to the public lands; and

In addition to section 38 of chapter 120 of the General Statutes, in relation to disturbances of the peace;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to establish a Board of Factory Inspectors (the title having been amended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows: "Bill to establish the office of inspector of tenement-houses, public buildings and factories") was read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bills:

To change the name of the West Congregational Society in Dracut;

Authorizing the cities of Boston and Chelsea to reconstruct Chelsea Bridge; and

To amend chapter 144 of the Acts of 1873 for the erection and regulation of mills;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The motion of Mr. Wade of Newton to reconsider the vote whereby the House accepted the report of the committee on District Courts, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of the mayor and aldermen of Newton for the establishment of a district court in the southern part of Middlesex County, was carried. Pending the recurring question on the acceptance of the report, the same gentleman moved to amend by substituting a Bill to establish the police court of the city of Newton; and on his further motion the matter was laid on the table, and the bill ordered to be printed.

The Resolve providing for an amendment of the Constitution to secure the elective franchise and the right to hold office to women was read a second time and considered.

After debate, a motion of Mr. Morse of Canton to amend by substituting a Resolution was defeated; and the yeas and nays being ordered on the main question, on motion of Mr. Truell of Lawrence, the resolve was refused a third reading by a vote of 77 yeas to 127 nays, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Alley, William A.
Atkinson, Michael.
Babson, John J.
Bartlett, Daniel W.
Bartlett, James E. T.
Batchelor, Benjamin S.
Bird, Warren P.
Bowen, Francis C.
Breed, Amos F.
Buckminster, Joseph.
Churchill, Gardner A.
Clapp, Lafayette.
Cook, John H.
Estabrook, Adin C.
Evans, Alonzo H.
Fairbanks, George O.
Fisk, Luther.
Foque, Theodore N.
Gardner, Charles L.
Gilmore, Onslow.
Hall, Andrew.
Hapgood, Lyman S.
Hathaway, Frederick.
Hill, Henry B.
Hill, John B.
Howland, Weston.
Jones, Jesse H.
Keith, Ambrose.
Keith, Isaac N.
Kendall, Edward.
King, William S.
Knapp, Joel.
Knowlton, Henry C.
Lindsey, Nathaniel E.
Mackintosh, James.
March, Andrus.
Merritt, Christopher C.
Merritt, George W.
Mitchell, Joseph, 2d.

Messrs. Morissey, John.
Morrill, George W.
Nelson, Sherman.
Noonan, Daniel.
Nourse, B. Alden.
Nutter, Isaac N.
Osborn, Weaver.
Osgood, Charles S.
Paul, Joseph F.
Phinney, Stephen C.
Pillsbury, Albert E.
Preston, David A.
Prouty, David.
Read, Henry C.
Reed, George W.
Rogers, Charles A.
Seymour, Stephen E.
Shattuck, Elijah C.
Sherman, Elon.
Slade, Albion K.
Small, Isaiah A.
Snow, Samuel.
Stacey, Benjamin F.
Stevens, James T.
Stone, Frederick M.
Swett, Jackson B.
Truell, Byron.
Tuttle, Henry G.
Van Deusen, William I.
Wade, Levi C.
Wallace, William S.
Warren, Alonzo.
Wellington, Austin C.
Wetherbee, John.
Whitney, Edward.
Wilson, George C.
Winship Thomas.
Woods, William.

NAYS.

Messrs. Abbe, James.
Adams, Ebenezer.

Messrs. Amsden, Edwin.
Appell, J. Franklin.

Messrs. Ayer, Edwin.

Bailey, Daniel D.
 Ballou, Monroe E.
 Bates, Eliakim A.
 Bird, Warren A.
 Brownell, Lysander N.
 Bugbee, Francis.
 Capron, Charles C.
 Carney, Michael.
 Clapp, Frederick W.
 Clark, John P.
 Cobb, John D.
 Coburn, Edward.
 Coggeshall, Henry F.
 Converse, Charles S.
 Cordis, Thomas F.
 Coveney, Jeremiah W.
 Crocker, Elisha, Jr.
 Curtiss, Albert W.
 Danforth, Charles H.
 Daniels, George F.
 Dean, Herbert A.
 Dennis, Henry, Jr.
 Doane, Freeman.
 Downer, Francis E.
 Fish, William W.
 Freeto, John.
 Fuller, Henry W.
 Gargan, Thomas J.
 Gifford, Benjamin.
 Gleason, Samuel S.
 Goodsell, Curtis B.
 Hale, Charles.
 Hannum, Leander M.
 Hartt, Joseph T.
 Haskell, George.
 Hathaway, Isaac N.
 Hawks, Alanson K.
 Hicks, Samuel D.
 Hill, Joseph W.
 Hitchings, Otis M.
 Hoffman, Ira W.
 Holley, Richard.
 Holmes, Henry T.
 Hunt, Jonas S.
 Huse, Caleb B.
 Ingalls, Ephraim A.
 Jenks, Thomas L.
 Keith, Monroe.
 Kennedy, Patrick.

Messrs. Kimball, Ensign.

Kimball, Moses.
 Kingsbury, Joseph A.
 Kirtland, Edwin L.
 Knowles, John.
 Lawrence, Daniel W.
 Lee, Henry.
 Longley, Samuel.
 Loud, Charles A.
 Mann, Seth, 2d.
 Mayo, Edward F.
 McCafferty, Matthew J.
 McPherson, Eben'r M.
 Miner, Henry S.
 Mooney, Thomas.
 Morse, Elijah A.
 Morse, William.
 Murphy, Jeremiah.
 Murphy, John J.
 Nichols, John B.
 Noble, Reuben.
 Norton, John B.
 Owen, Harvey M.
 Parker, Frederick.
 Parker, George G.
 Partridge, David A.
 Perry, George R.
 Pew, Charles H., 2d.
 Pierce, Edward L.
 Pope, Charles G.
 Putnam, Henry W.
 Read, Charles H.
 Read, Washington.
 Reed, George R.
 Rice, Charles B.
 Richards, Charles W.
 Richmond, Jonathan C.
 Robinson, Wallace F.
 Root, Joseph H.
 Ropes, Joseph S.
 Russell, Solomon N.
 Rust, Nathaniel J.
 Sandford, Addison.
 Saunders, Amos J.
 Sawin, Samuel D.
 Sawyer, Ebenezer.
 Sawyer, Enoch.
 Searle, John F.
 Shattuck, Calvin W.
 Sleeper, Solomon S.

Messrs. Smith, Andrew.	Messrs. Webster, David L.
Smith, Webster.	Wetherell, John W.
Southwick, John R.	White, Benjamin.
Spaulding, Mark H.	White, James.
Supple, James F.	White, Joseph W.
Swett, Noah.	Williams, Moses, Jr.
Taylor, Charles A.	Wilson, John G.
Thayer, Davis, Jr.	Wing, Daniel.
Wadsworth, Alexander.	Winslow, Isaac.
Ward, Alanson W.	Wood, Eliphaz H.
Waterman, Eleazer E.	Woodward, James C.
Watts, William.	

Yeas, 77; nays, 127.

The report of the committee on Towns, leave to withdraw, on the petition of J. W. Chadwick and others for the annexation of a portion of the town of Medford to the town of Malden was further considered. After debate, the pending motion of Mr. Foque of Malden to amend by substituting a Bill to set off a part of the town of Medford to the town of Malden was carried, and the bill having been read once, was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for its second reading.

The report of the committee on Insurance, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to advancing the price of insurance brokers' licenses, was considered. Mr. Moseley of Boston moved to amend by substituting a Bill to amend section 1 of chapter 93 of the Acts of 1869, relating to insurance brokers. The motion was lost, and the report was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

At 5.23, adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, March 29, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Jones of Abington, a member of the House.

Mr. Whitney of Belmont presented the petition of *Petroleum.* Alpheus H. Hardy & Co., and 32 other firms, against the placing of restrictions upon the exportation of petroleum. Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, the following

Order was adopted, under suspension of the 20th joint rule :—

Abraham Jackson.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to report an address to His Excellency the Governor, praying him to revoke a commission as justice of the peace granted December 22, 1874, to Abraham Jackson of Boston, a convicted forger.

Sent up for concurrence in suspension of the rule.

Papers from the Senate.

Fees of clerks of courts, &c.

Notice was received from the Senate of the rejection by that branch of the House Bill to ascertain the amount of fees received by clerks of courts and registers of probate and insolvency, registers of deeds, sheriffs and deputy sheriffs.

Licenses.

The Bill to establish a common time for granting certain licenses, and to secure a more perfect record of such licenses and their revocation, came down passed to be engrossed in concurrence by the Senate, in a new draft. Read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Boston—Moon Island sewer.

A Bill to empower the city of Boston to lay and maintain a main sewer, discharging at Moon Island, in Boston Harbor, and for other purposes, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

Bryant Free Library.

The Bill to incorporate the Bryant Free Library, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, took its second and third readings under suspension of the rules, as moved by Mr. Jones of Abington, and was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on passing it to be engrossed.

Reports of Committees.

Bass River.

By Mr. Merritt of Scituate, from the committee on the Fisheries, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Winthrop Sears and others for amendment of an Act to authorize the towns of Dennis and Yarmouth to regulate the fisheries in Bass River. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Butchers' Slaughtering and Melting Association.

By Mr. Ropes of Boston, from the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, on so much of the report of the State Board of Health as relates to water supply and drainage, in part, a Bill to amend an Act to incorporate the Butchers' Slaughtering and Melting Association in Brighton.

By Mr. Dennis of Rockport, from the committee on the Fisheries, on petitions, a Bill to regulate the fisheries in Taunton Great River and Nemasket River. Taunton Great River.

By Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, from the committee on District Courts, on an order, a Bill to establish the civil jurisdiction of the several municipal courts within the city of Boston. Boston municipal courts.

By Mr. McCafferty of Worcester, from the same committee, on an order relative to reducing the expenses of the judiciary of the Commonwealth, a Bill to abolish trials by jury in municipal, district and police courts, and before justices of the peace. Jury trials.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Reports of the committee on Finance :

By Mr. Breed of Lynn, that the Senate Resolve in favor of Mary Lamb of Boston ought not to pass. Mary Lamb.

Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on its rejection.

By Mr. Dean of Adams, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Bill concerning the printing of certain public documents. Public documents.

By Mr. Rust of Boston, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Bill relating to the state printing. State printing.

By Mr. Converse of Woburn, that the Bill to provide for the appointment of an additional commissioner of savings banks ought to pass. Commissioner of savings banks.

By Mr. Loud of Winchendon, that the Senate Resolve in favor of Elizabeth Howes ought to pass. Elizabeth Howes.

By Mr. Nichols of Haverhill, that the Senate Resolve in favor of the town of South Abington ought to pass. South Abington.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow, the committee being discharged on the two first-named bills, as requested.

Bills Enacted.

Engrossed bills :

Bills enacted.

To facilitate the assignment of dower ;

To incorporate the trustees of the Deerfield Academy and Dickinson High School ; and

In relation to the service of warrants issued by district or police courts or trial justices, or justices of the peace ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

To supply the town of Clinton with pure water;
 To incorporate the Citizens' Exchange of Worcester;
 and
 To incorporate the Boston Widows and Orphans' Association;
 (Which severally originated in the Senate;)
 Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Resolves
 passed.

Engrossed resolves:
 In favor of James B. Collingwood;
 In favor of the normal schools at Salem, Westfield, Framingham, and Bridgewater;
 (Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;)
 In favor of Abby A. Dike of Stoneham; and
 In favor of Mary Monahan of South Scituate;
 (Which severally originated in the Senate;)
 Were severally passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

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The report of the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to the custody, discipline and training of juvenile offenders, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bills:

In regard to the manufacture, storage and transportation of explosive compounds;

Relating to the sealing of weights and measures; and

In addition to an Act to divide the Commonwealth into districts for the choice of representatives in the Congress of the United States; and a

Resolve providing for an amendment to the Constitution to render the president, professors and instructors of Harvard College eligible to seats in the Senate and House of Representatives;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

To renew the appropriation in relation to the flats, meadows and beaches on East Harbor Creek in Provincetown and Truro; and

Concerning municipal, police and district courts, and the taxation of costs in civil and criminal cases in said courts, and by justices of the peace and trial justices;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To allow the use of tents and camp equipage by educational institutions ; and

To authorize the construction of certain narrow-gauge railroads in Billerica and Bedford ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Bill in relation to estates held on condition was further considered, and ordered to a third reading.

The motion of Mr. White of Boston to reconsider the vote by which the House refused to allow the introduction of a Bill to amend the General Statutes relating to teachers' institutes, the duties of school committees, and the attendance of children in the public schools, was laid on the table on motion of Mr. Rice of Danvers.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to dividing Ward 22 of the city of Boston, was considered. Mr. Ropes of Boston moved to amend by substituting a Bill to authorize the division of Ward 22 of the city of Boston into two wards. After debate the motion was carried, and the bill, having been read once, was placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

The report of the committee on the petition of Edward Crane and others, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Edward Crane and associates for an Act of incorporation as the Boston and Chicago Railway Trust Company, and a petition in aid of the same, was considered. Mr. Webster of Boston moved to amend by substituting a Bill to incorporate the Massachusetts Western Railroad Company. On motion of the same gentleman, the report was laid on the table, and the substitute bill ordered to be printed.

The Bill (on leave) for the protection of trout, land-locked salmon and lake trout was considered, the question being on its rejection, as recommended by the committee on the Fisheries. After debate, the rejection of the bill was negatived, and it was ordered to a second reading.

The Bill in relation to savings banks and institutions for savings was read a second time. After debate, and pending amendments moved by Messrs. Stone of Waltham, Osgood of Salem, Coveney of Cambridge, Babson of

Gloucester, Evans of Everett, and Loud of Winchendon,
the House,

At 5.40, adjourned.

THURSDAY, March 30, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Batchelor of New Bedford, a member of the House.

On motion of Mr. McPherson of Boston,—

Limit of debate.

Ordered, That whenever the time of any member in debate is extended by a vote of the House, it shall be construed to mean for ten minutes only, unless otherwise specified.

Papers from the Senate.

State Primary School.

The Bill relating to the commitment of children to the State Primary School, and to their discharge therefrom, came down passed to be engrossed in concurrence by the Senate, with an amendment, in which the House concurred.

Reformatory institutions.

The Resolve in relation to the State Almshouse, asylums and reformatory institutions, also came down passed to be engrossed in concurrence, with an amendment. Referred, under the rule, to the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures.

Bank officers and notaries public.

The report of the committee on Banks and Banking, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to providing that no bank officer shall hold the office of a notary-public, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Bills.

Bills :

To incorporate the Springfield Safe Deposit and Trust Company ; and

To amend section 165 of chapter 372 of the year 1874, relating to connecting railroads (a new draft of the House Bill in relation to connecting railroads) ;

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Reports of Committees.

Dalton.

By Mr. Gardner of Palmer, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Senate Bill concerning the registry of

deeds for the town of Dalton ought to pass with an amendment. Placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

By Mr. Jenks of Boston, from the committee on Har-
bors, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Orville D. Lovell and others for permission to cut a channel between South Bay and Vineyard Sound, in Barnstable, and a petition in aid of and a remonstrance against the same. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

South Bay and
Vineyard
Sound.

By Mr. Nutter of East Bridgewater, from the committee on the Liquor Law, on an Order instructing said committee to obtain from the State Assayer a record of his analyses of samples of liquor, submitting such record, and recommending that it be printed and placed on the files of the House. Read, accepted under suspension of the rule, and sent up for concurrence.

State Assayer.

Bills Enacted.

Engrossed bills :

Bills enacted.

To regulate the assessment of poll-taxes ;
Making appropriations for certain educational purposes ;
To amend the charter of the city of New Bedford ;
Relating to the transfer to the State Workhouse of certain convicts confined in the houses of correction ;
To authorize the calling of the first regular meeting of the Centre School District of Great Barrington ;
(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;) and

In addition to an Act to incorporate the Baldwin Place Home for Little Wanderers ;

(Which originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves :

Resolves
passed.

To authorize the issue of arms to the Dean Academy ;
In favor of Eliza Brown of Dover ;
(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;) and

In favor of Albert F. Howland of Acushnet ;

(Which originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Taken from the Table.

Petroleum.

On motion of Mr. Wade of Newton, the Bill in relation to the inspection, storage and sale of illuminating oils made from petroleum and coal and their products was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on its engrossment.

Middlesex
South District
Court.

On motion of the same gentleman, the report of the committee on District Courts, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of the mayor and aldermen of Newton for the establishment of a district court in the southern part of Middlesex County was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, its rejection having been reconsidered.

*Discharged from the Orders.*Senatorial dis-
tricts.

On motion of Mr. Truell of Lawrence, the Bill to divide the Commonwealth into forty districts for the choice of senators was discharged from the orders of the day and its consideration postponed until Tuesday, April 4, and put first in the orders for that day.

*Orders of the Day.*Orders of the
day.

The report of the committee on District Courts, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of John T. Clark, chairman of the board of aldermen of the city of Boston, for revision of the municipal and district court system, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To amend section 44 of chapter 24 of the General Statutes, relating to the assessment of taxes in fire districts ;

Relating to deposit notes of mutual fire insurance companies ;

To empower the city of Boston to lay and maintain a main sewer discharging at Moon Island, in Boston harbor, and for other purposes ;

To authorize the division of Ward 22 of the city of Boston into two wards ; and

To amend an Act to incorporate the Butchers' Slaughtering and Melting Association in Brighton ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill in addition to an Act entitled an Act to regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors was read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

Relating to the sealing of weights and measures ; and

In addition to an Act to divide the Commonwealth into districts for the choice of representatives in the Congress of the United States ; and a

Resolve concerning the Commissioners of Prisons ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Bill to incorporate the Bryant Free Library was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Resolve providing for an amendment to the Constitution to render the president, professors and instructors of Harvard College eligible to seats in the Senate and House of Representatives was read a third time, and the question being on agreeing to said article of amendment in these words, to wit : "So much of article two of chapter six of the Constitution of this Commonwealth as relates to persons holding the office of president, professor or instructor of Harvard College is hereby annulled, and such persons shall be eligible to seats in the Senate and the House of Representatives," it was agreed to, two-thirds of the members of the House present and voting thereon having voted in the affirmative, as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. Allen, Stillman B.
Alley, William A.
Amsden, Edwin.
Atkinson, Michael.
Ayer, Edwin.
Babson, John J.
Ballou, Monroe E.
Batchelor, Benjamin S.
Bird, Warren A.
Bird, Warren P.
Bowen, Francis C.
Breed, Amos F.
Brownell, Lysander N.
Bryant, Orrin.
Burr, Isaac T.
Clapp, Frederick W.
Clapp, Lafayette.
Clark, John P.
Cobb, John D.
Coburn, Edward.
Converse, Charles S.

Messrs. Cook, Horace.
Cook, John H.
Cordis, Thomas F.
Coveney, Jeremiah W.
Crocker, Elisha, Jr.
Curtiss, Albert W.
Daniels, George F.
Dean, Dallas J.
Dean, Herbert A.
Doane, Freeman.
Doherty, Neil.
Downer, Francis E.
Evans, Alonzo H.
Fairbanks, George O.
Fish, William W.
Fisk, Luther.
Fiske, Wesley L.
Foque, Theodore N.
Freeto, John.
Gardner, Charles L.
Garity, Thomas R.

Taken from the Table.

Petroleum.

On motion of Mr. Wade of Newton, the Bill in relation to the inspection, storage and sale of illuminating oils made from petroleum and coal and their products was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on its engrossment.

Middlesex
South District
Court.

On motion of the same gentleman, the report of the committee on District Courts, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of the mayor and aldermen of Newton for the establishment of a district court in the southern part of Middlesex County was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, its rejection having been reconsidered.

*Discharged from the Orders.*Senatorial dis-
tricts.

On motion of Mr. Truell of Lawrence, the Bill to divide the Commonwealth into forty districts for the choice of senators was discharged from the orders of the day and its consideration postponed until Tuesday, April 4, and put first in the orders for that day.

*Orders of the Day.*Orders of the
day.

The report of the committee on District Courts, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of John T. Clark, chairman of the board of aldermen of the city of Boston, for revision of the municipal and district court system, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To amend section 44 of chapter 24 of the General Statutes, relating to the assessment of taxes in fire districts ;

Relating to deposit notes of mutual fire insurance companies ;

To empower the city of Boston to lay and maintain a main sewer discharging at Moon Island, in Boston harbor, and for other purposes ;

To authorize the division of Ward 22 of the city of Boston into two wards ; and

To amend an Act to incorporate the Butchers' Slaughtering and Melting Association in Brighton ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill in addition to an Act entitled an Act to regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors was read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

Relating to the sealing of weights and measures ; and

In addition to an Act to divide the Commonwealth into districts for the choice of representatives in the Congress of the United States ; and a

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Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

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The Resolve providing for an amendment to the Constitution to render the president, professors and instructors of Harvard College eligible to seats in the Senate and House of Representatives was read a third time, and the question being on agreeing to said article of amendment in these words, to wit : "So much of article two of chapter six of the Constitution of this Commonwealth as relates to persons holding the office of president, professor or instructor of Harvard College is hereby annulled, and such persons shall be eligible to seats in the Senate and the House of Representatives," it was agreed to, two-thirds of the members of the House present and voting thereon having voted in the affirmative, as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. Allen, Stillman B.
Alley, William A.
Amsden, Edwin.
Atkinson, Michael.
Ayer, Edwin.
Babson, John J.
Ballou, Monroe E.
Batchelor, Benjamin S.
Bird, Warren A.
Bird, Warren P.
Bowen, Francis C.
Breed, Amos F.
Brownell, Lysander N.
Bryant, Orrin.
Burr, Isaac T.
Clapp, Frederick W.
Clapp, Lafayette.
Clark, John P.
Cobb, John D.
Coburn, Edward.
Converse, Charles S.

Messrs. Cook, Horace.
Cook, John H.
Cordis, Thomas F.
Coveney, Jeremiah W.
Crocker, Elisha, Jr.
Curtiss, Albert W.
Daniels, George F.
Dean, Dallas J.
Dean, Herbert A.
Doane, Freeman.
Doherty, Neil.
Downer, Francis E.
Evans, Alonzo H.
Fairbanks, George O.
Fish, William W.
Fisk, Luther.
Fiske, Wesley L.
Foque, Theodore N.
Freeto, John.
Gardner, Charles L.
Garity, Thomas R.

Messrs. Gilmore, Onslow.	Messrs. Parker, Frederick.
Goodsell, Curtis B.	Parker, George G.
Granger, George W.	Partridge, David A.
Hale, Charles.	Paul, Joseph F.
Hall, Andrew.	Perry, George R.
Hannum, Leander M.	Phinney, Stephen C.
Hapgood, Lyman S.	Pierce, Edward L.
Hartt, Joseph T.	Pope, Charles G.
Hartwell, James D.	Prouty, David.
Haskell, George.	Putnam, Henry W.
Hathaway, Frederick.	Read, Charles H.
Hathaway, Isaac N.	Read, Washington.
Hawks, Alanson K.	Reed, George R.
Hicks, Samuel D.	Reynolds, Rice M.
Hill, Henry B.	Rice, Charles B.
Holley, Richard.	Richards, Charles W.
Holmes, Henry T.	Richmond, Jonathan C.
Howe, George F.	Root, Joseph H.
Howland, Weston.	Ropes, Joseph S.
Huse, Caleb B.	Russell, Solomon N.
Ingalls, Ephraim A.	Rust, Nathaniel J.
Jenks, Thomas L.	Saunders, Amos J.
Jones, Jesse H.	Sawyer, Ebenezer.
Keith, Isaac N.	Sawyer, Enoch.
Keith, Monroe.	Seymour, Stephen E.
Kellogg, Ensign H.	Shattuck, Calvin W.
Kendall, Edward.	Shattuck, Elijah C.
Kennedy, Patrick.	Sherman, Elon.
Kimball, Ensign.	Slade, Albion K.
King, William S.	Small, Isaiah A.
Kingsbury, Joseph A.	Smith, Andrew.
Kirtland, Edwin L.	Smith, Newton.
Knowles, John.	Smith, Robert D.
Lawrence, Daniel W.	Smith, Webster.
Lindsey, Nathaniel E.	Snow, Samuel.
Mackintosh, James.	Stone, Frederick M.
Mann, Seth, 2d.	Swett, Noah.
March, Andrus.	Taylor, Charles A.
Mayo, Edward F.	Thayer, Davis, Jr.
McCafferty, Matthew J.	Tuttle, Henry G.
Mitchell, Joseph, 2d.	Van Deusen, William I.
Mooney, Thomas.	Wade, Levi C.
Morissey, John.	Wadsworth, Alexander.
Morse, Elijah A.	Ward, Alanson W.
Morse, William.	Warren, Alonzo.
Murphy, John J.	Washburn, John D.
Noonan, Daniel.	Waterman, Eleazer E.
Norton, John B.	Watts, William.
Nutter, Isaac N.	Webster, David L.
Osborn, Weaver.	Wetherbee, John.

Messrs. Wetherell, John W.	Messrs. Wilson, John G.
White, Benjamin.	Wing, Daniel.
White, James.	Wood, Eliphaz H.
Whitney, Edward.	Woodward, James C.
Wilson, George C.	

NAYS.

Messrs. Bartlett, Daniel W.	Messrs. Reed, George W.
Buckminster, Joseph.	Winslow, Isaac.
Gifford, Benjamin.	

Yeas, 151 ; nays, 5.

Messrs. Lee of Boston and Swett of Haverhill subsequently asked to have their names recorded, stating that had they been present before the roll-call was finished they would have voted in the affirmative.

The Bill in relation to savings banks and institutions for savings was further considered. After an extended debate, pending amendments moved by Messrs. Stone of Waltham, Kellogg of Pittsfield, and Evans of Everett were adopted. The bill was further amended on motions of Messrs. Heywood of Worcester, Slade of Fall River, and Hale, Ropes and Webster of Boston, and as amended was ordered to a third reading.

Unfinished Business.

The orders of the day being laid on the table, Mr. Pillsbury of Boston moved to discharge therefrom the Bill to reduce the expenses and increase the efficiency of the militia, and to place the same first in the orders of the day for Monday, April 3. Pending the motion, the House,

At 5.45, adjourned.

FRIDAY, March 31, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

The following Order, offered by Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, was laid over at the request of Mr. Hale of Boston :—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of addressing His Excellency the Governor

Removal of
certain justices
of the peace.

for the removal from office of Francis S. Munroe, Jr., John F. Dearington and Frank B. Dyer, justices of the peace.

Introduced on Leave.

Text-books.

By Mr. White of Boston, a Bill in addition to an Act in relation to text-books in the public schools. Under suspension of the rules, this bill took its several readings, was passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

**Appropriation
bill. No. 6.**

The Bill making appropriations for the expenses of the State Almshouse, the State Primary School at Monson, the State Prison, the Reform School at Westborough, the Industrial School at Lancaster, the Bridgewater Workhouse, the State Detective Force, and for other purposes, came down passed to be engrossed in concurrence by the Senate, with amendments. Referred, under the rule, to the committee on Finance.

Coal.

The Resolve in relation to charges for transportation of coal by railroad corporations came down passed to be engrossed in concurrence by the Senate, with an amendment, in which the House concurred.

Courts.

Reports of the committee on District Courts :

Inexpedient to further legislate, on the general order relative to the expenses of the judiciary department of the Commonwealth, of date January 31 ; an Order relative to uniting the police courts in West Roxbury and Dorchester ; and on so much of the general order relative to state salaries and expenditures as relates to the expenses of district and municipal courts ; and

Leave to withdraw, on petitions and remonstrances concerning courts in Lee and Danvers, and the First and Second District Courts in Southern Worcester ; and the

**New prison
investigation.**

Report of the committee on charges made by Hon. Moses Kimball of Boston relative to the raising of money to influence legislation (see Senate Doc., No. 149) ;

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Reports of Committees.

State House.

By Mr. Adams of Boston, from the committee on the State House, under authority of section 9 of chapter 5 of the General Statutes, a Resolve providing for repairs on

the State House. Read and referred in course to the committee on Finance.

By Mr. Miner of Phillipston, from the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures, that the Bill (recommitted) limiting the salary of the Secretary of the State Board of Health ought not to pass; and

Board of Health.

That the Bill (also recommitted) to fix the compensation of the Commissioners on Inland Fisheries ought not to pass.

Fish Commissioners.

Severally rejected as recommended by the committee, under suspension of the rule.

By Mr. McCafferty of Worcester, from the committee on District Courts, on the order relative to the expenses of the judiciary department of the Commonwealth, a Bill to confirm the acts and doings of William B. Harding as assistant clerk of the Central District Court of Worcester. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Wm. B. Harding.

Bills Enacted.

Engrossed bills:

Bills enacted.

To change the name of the West Congregational Society in Dracut; and

To amend chapter 144 of the Acts of the year 1873, for the erection and regulation of mills;

(Which severally originated in the Senate;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves:

Resolves passed.

In favor of Ellen Nolan of Westborough; and

In favor of Daniel Downey of Lawrence;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;)

Were severally passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Taken from the Table.

On motion of Mr. Haskell of Ipswich, the Bill to secure greater publicity and uniformity in the accounts of railroad corporations was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, with pending amendments.

Railroad accounts.

On motion of Mr. Rice of Danvers, the motion of Mr. White of Boston to reconsider the vote by which the House refused to allow the introduction of a Bill to amend the

Teachers' Institutes, etc.

General Statutes relating to teachers' institutes, the duties of school committees, and the attendance of children in the public schools, was taken from the table and indefinitely postponed.

Discharged from the Orders.

State aid.

On motion of Mr. Parker of Milford, the Bill relating to state aid paid on account of children born after the death of the father was discharged from the orders of the day, and laid on the table.

Councillor districts.

On motion of Mr. Pierce of Milton, the Bill to divide the Commonwealth into districts for the choice of the Council was discharged from the orders of the day, and laid on the table.

Rearrangement of Calendar.

Calendar.

On motion of Mr. Williams of Brookline, the Speaker was authorized to rearrange the calendar in such manner as in his judgment would result in expediting the business of the House.

Orders of the Day.

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The report of the committee on Harbors, leave to withdraw, on the petition of O. D. Lovell and others for permission to cut a channel between South Bay and Vineyard Sound in Barnstable, and a petition in aid of and a remonstrance against the same, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Banks and Banking, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to providing that no bank officer shall hold the office of a notary-public was accepted in concurrence.

Bills :

To provide additional terminal facilities in Springfield for the Springfield, Athol and North-Eastern Railroad, and the Springfield and New London Railroad ;

Concerning the registry of deeds for the town of Dalton (amended as recommended by the committee on the Judiciary) ;

Concerning the printing of certain public documents ; and

Resolves :

Authorizing the appointment of a commission to inquire into the expediency of revising the judicial system of the State ; and

In relation to the State Board of Health;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To authorize the division of Ward 22 of the city of Boston into two wards (amended on motion of Mr. Ropes of Boston); and

To amend an Act to incorporate the Butchers' Slaughtering and Melting Association in Brighton (amended on motion of Mr. Webster of Boston);

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To amend section 44 of chapter 24 of the General Statutes, relating to the assessment of taxes in fire districts;

Relating to deposit notes of mutual fire insurance companies; and

Relating to the passage of vessels through drawbridges;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Bill to empower the city of Boston to lay and maintain a main sewer discharging at Moon Island in Boston harbor, and for other purposes, was read, amended on motion of Mr. Williams of Brookline, passed to be engrossed in concurrence, and sent up for concurrence in the amendment.

The pending motion of Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, to discharge from the orders of the day the Bill to reduce the expenses and increase the efficiency of the militia, was withdrawn.

The Resolution in favor of international arbitration was adopted.

The Bill in relation to the taxation of church property was read a second time, and debated at length, and sundry amendments moved were rejected. The yeas and nays were ordered, on motion of Mr. Morse of Canton, and the bill was rejected by a vote of 64 yeas to 116 nays, as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. Appell, J. Franklin.
Atkinson, Michael.
Ballou, Monroe E.
Bartlett, Daniel W.
Bartlett, James E. T.

Messrs. Bird, Warren A.
Brownell, Lysander N.
Bryant, Orrin.
Buckminster, Joseph.
Churchill, Gardner A.

Messrs. Converse, Charles S.	Messrs. Norton, John B.
Cook, Horace.	Osgood, Charles S.
Cook, John H.	Owen, Harvey M.
Dean, Herbert A.	Parker, Frederick.
Estabrook, Adin C.	Paul, Joseph F.
Gleason, Samuel S.	Perry, George R.
Goodsell, Curtis B.	Pillsbury, Albert E.
Granger, George W.	Preston, David A.
Hapgood, Lyman S.	Prouty, David.
Hawkes, Nathan M.	Read, Henry C.
Hill, Joseph W.	Reed, George R.
Hitchings, Otis M.	Reed, George W.
Hunt, Jonas S.	Robinson, Wallace F.
Huse, Caleb B.	Rogers, Charles A.
Jenks, Thomas L.	Sawyer, Enoch.
Keith, Monroe.	Smith, Robert D.
Kendall, Edward.	Snow, Samuel.
Kimball, Ensign.	Spaulding, Mark H.
Kimball, Moses.	Stevens, James T.
Kingsbury, Joseph A.	Walden, Edwin.
Knapp, Joel.	Wallace, William S.
Mackintosh, James.	Warren, Alonzo.
Merritt, Christopher C.	Watts, William.
Merritt, George W.	Whicher, John D.
Miner, Henry S.	Winslow Isaac.
Morse, William.	Woods, William.
Moseley, Frederick P.	Woodward, James C.

NAYS.

Messrs. Abbe, James.	Messrs. Downer, Francis E.
Allen, Stillman B.	Evans, Alonzo H.
Alley, William A.	Fairbanks, George O.
Babson, John J.	Foque, Theodore N.
Batchelor Benjamin S.	Freeto, John.
Bird, Warren P.	Gargan, Thomas J.
Bowen, Francis C.	Garity, Thomas R.
Bradley, Osgood, Jr.	Gifford, Benjamin.
Breed, Amos F.	Gilmore, Onslow.
Bugbee, Francis.	Hale, Charles.
Carney, Michael.	Hall, Andrew.
Cobb, John D.	Hannum, Leander M.
Coggshall, Henry F.	Hartwell, James D.
Cordis, Thomas F.	Haskell, George.
Coveney, Jeremiah W.	Hathaway, Frederick.
Crocker, Elisha, Jr.	Hawks, Alanson K.
Curtiss, Albert W.	Hicks, Samuel D.
Danforth, Charles H.	Hill, Henry B.
Dean, Dallas J.	Hill, John B.
Doherty, Neil.	Hoffman, Ira W.

Messrs. Holmes, Henry T.
 Howe, George F.
 Howland, Weston.
 Ingalls, Ephraim A.
 Jones, Jesse H.
 Keith, Ambrose.
 Keith, Isaac N.
 Keith, Ziba C.
 Kellogg, Ensign H.
 Kennedy, Patrick.
 King, William S.
 Knowles, John.
 Lawrence, Daniel W.
 Lee, Henry.
 Lindsey, Nathaniel E.
 Longley, Samuel.
 Mann, Seth, 2d.
 March, Andrus.
 Mayo, Edward F.
 McCafferty, Matthew J.
 McPherson, Eben'r M.
 Morrissey, John.
 Morse, Elijah A.
 Murphy, Jeremiah.
 Murphy, John J.
 Nelson, Sherman.
 Nichols, John B.
 Noonan, Daniel.
 Nourse, B. Alden.
 Nutter, Isaac N.
 Osborn, Weaver.
 Parker, George G.
 Pew, Charles H., 2d.
 Phinney, Stephen C.
 Pierce, Edward L.
 Pope, Charles G.
 Putnam, Henry W.
 Read, Charles H.

Messrs. Reynolds, Rice M.
 Rice, Charles B.
 Richmond, Jonathan C.
 Root, Joseph H.
 Ropes, Joseph S.
 Sandford, Addison.
 Sawyer, Ebenezer.
 Searle, John F.
 Shattuck, Calvin W.
 Shattuck, Elijah C.
 Sherman, Elon.
 Sleeper, Solomon S.
 Smith, Andrew.
 Smith, Newton.
 Stacey, Benjamin F.
 Stone, Frederick M.
 Sullivan, Michael.
 Supple, James F.
 Swett, Jackson B.
 Swett, Noah.
 Talbot, Samuel, Jr.
 Taylor, Charles A.
 Taylor, Oliver.
 Thayer, Davis, Jr.
 Truell, Byron.
 Tuttle, Henry G.
 Wadsworth, Alexander.
 Waterman, Eleazer E.
 Webster, David L.
 Wellington, Austin C.
 Wetherbee, John.
 Wetherell, John W.
 White, Benjamin.
 White, James.
 Whitney, Edward.
 Williams, Moses, Jr.
 Wilson, George C.
 Winship, Thomas.

Yeas, 64; nays, 116.

At 5.15, adjourned.

SATURDAY, April 1, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Mr. Kimball of Boston moved to reconsider the vote by which the Bill making appropriations for the expenses of ^{Appropriation} bill. No. 6.

the State Almshouse, the State Primary School at Monson, the State Prison, the Reform School at Westborough, the Industrial School at Lancaster, the Bridgewater Workhouse, the State Detective Force, and for other purposes, passed to be engrossed in concurrence, with amendments, by the Senate, was referred to the committee on Finance. The motion prevailed, and the House concurred in the amendments.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Pierce of Milton,—

Removals of
justices of the
peace.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary be authorized to send for persons and papers in all cases where the committee are ordered by the House to consider the expediency of addressing the Governor for the removal of any justices of the peace, and to obtain certified copies of any criminal proceedings against any such justices.

It.

The Order offered yesterday by Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, and laid over, concerning the removal from office of certain justices of the peace, was considered. The question being on suspending the 20th joint rule to allow the adoption of the order, it was laid on the table.

Papers from the Senate.

Salaries of
Lieutenant-Gov-
ernor, Council,
etc.

The House Bill to fix the salaries of the executive officers and employes of the executive department came down passed to be engrossed in concurrence in a new draft, entitled a Bill to fix the compensation of the Lieutenant-Governor and Council, and employes of the executive department. Read and referred to the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures.

Lock-ups.

A Bill to amend section 16 of chapter 216 of the Acts of the year 1862, in relation to commitments of prisoners to lock-ups, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Chelsea and
Springfield
police court
clerks.

A Bill relating to the clerks of the police courts of Chelsea and Springfield, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

Orders of the Day.

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day.

Reports :

Of the committee on Constitutional Amendments, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to biennial elections of state officers, etc. ;

Of the committee on District Courts, leave to withdraw, on the several petitions and remonstrances relative to the establishment or abolition of certain district courts; and

Of the same committee, inexpedient to further legislate, on the several orders relative to district courts;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Bills:

For the better protection of infants (amended on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston);

Requiring the Eastern Railroad Company to erect a station-house in Everett; and

To confirm the acts and doings of William B. Harding as assistant clerk of the Central District Court of Worcester;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

To incorporate the New England Guard of the city of Boston (amended on motion of Mr. Lee of Boston); and

Concerning the printing of certain public documents;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bills:

To incorporate the Dedham Water Company (amended on motion of Mr. Cobb of Dedham);

To incorporate the town of Merrimac (amended on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston); and

Concerning the registry of deeds for the town of Dalton; and a

Resolve in relation to the State Board of Health;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The report of the committee on Printing, on a communication from the Bureau of Statistics of Labor, recommending the adoption of an Order relative to the printing of the census and industrial statistics, was considered. Mr. Hale of Boston moved to amend by substituting a Resolve providing for the printing, binding and distribution of the decennial census and statistics of industry. The motion prevailed, and the substitute Resolve was placed in the orders of the day for a second reading on Monday, under a suspension of the 60th rule.

The Resolution relating to Edward O'Meagher Condon was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston.

The report of the committee on Claims, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of the towns of Sandisfield, Otis and Tolland, for reimbursement for money expended by them in the partial construction of the Lee and New Haven Railroad, accepted by the Senate, was considered. Mr. J. W. Hill of Boston moved to amend by substituting "leave to withdraw" for "reference to the next General Court," pending which motion further consideration of the report was postponed until Monday on motion of Mr. Kellogg of Pittsfield.

The Bill in further addition to an Act relating to the Mystic River Corporation was read a third time. Mr. Hale of Boston moved to amend by inserting in the first section after the word "authorized" the words "with the consent of the Harbor Commissioners first had and obtained." The yeas and nays were ordered on the amendment, on motion of the same gentleman, and it was rejected by a vote of 50 yeas to 58 nays, and the bill was passed to be engrossed in concurrence; the vote on the amendment being as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Adams, Ebenezer.	Messrs. Knowlton, Henry C.
Babson, John J.	Lee, Henry.
Bartlett, James E. T.	Longley, Samuel.
Buckminster, Joseph.	Mann, Seth, 2d.
Carney, Michael.	McPherson, Eben'r M.
Churchill, Gardner A.	Miner, Henry S.
Cobb, John D.	Morrill, George W.
Coburn, Edward.	Morse, William.
Converse, Charles S.	Noonan, Daniel.
Cook, John H.	Pope, Charles G.
Cordis, Thomas F.	Putnam, Henry W.
Dean, Herbert A.	Ropes, Joseph S.
Dennis, Henry, Jr.	Saunders, Amos J.
Freeto, John.	Sherman, Elon.
Gleason, Samuel S.	Smith, Robert D.
Granger, George W.	Swett, Noah.
Hale, Charles.	Tuttle, Henry G.
Hannum, Leander M.	Wade, Levi C.
Hathaway, Frederick.	Wadsworth, Alexander.
Hitchings, Otis M.	White, Joseph W.
Hoffman, Ira W.	Williams, Moses, Jr.
Keith, Ziba C.	Wilson, George C.
Kellogg, Ensign H.	Winslow, Isaac.
Kimball, Ensign.	Woods, William.
Kimball, Moses.	Woodward, James C.

NAYS.

Messrs. Alley, William A.
Amsden, Edwin.
Appell, J. Franklin.
Atkinson, Michael.
Bird, Warren A.
Bird, Warren P.
Bowen, Francis C.
Bryant, Orrin.
Clapp, Frederick W.
Danforth, Charles H.
Estabrook, Adin C.
Evans, Alonzo H.
Fairbanks, George O.
Foque, Theodore N.
Goodsell, Curtis B.
Hall, Andrew.
Hapgood, Lyman S.
Hartwell, James D.
Heywood, Samuel R.
Hicks, Samuel D.
Hill, Henry B.
Hill, Joseph W.
Holmes, Henry T.
Howland, Weston.
Ingalls, Ephraim A.
Jenks, Thomas L.
Keith, Ambrose.
Kendall, Edward.
King, William S.

Messrs. Knapp, Joel.
Lawrence, Daniel W.
Lindsey, Nathaniel E.
Mooney, Thomas.
Moseley, Frederick P.
Murphy, Jeremiah.
Murphy, John J.
Norton, John B.
Parker, Frederick.
Pillsbury, Albert E.
Reed, George W.
Rice, Charles B.
Rogers, Charles A.
Sawin, Samuel D.
Sawyer, Ebenezer.
Sawyer, Enoch.
Slade, Albion K.
Sleeper, Solomon S.
Southwick, John R.
Stacey, Benjamin F.
Sullivan, Michael.
Taylor, Oliver.
Wallace, William S.
Warren, Alonzo.
Waterman, Eleazer E.
Webster, David L.
Wellington, Austin C.
Whitney, Edward.
Winship, Thomas.

Yeas, 50; nays, 58.

The Speaker announced that he should be absent on Monday, and designated Mr. Kellogg of Pittsfield to occupy the chair on that day.

Mr. Kellogg, of Pittsfield.

At 1 P. M., adjourned.

MONDAY, April 3, 1876.

Met according to adjournment, Mr. Kellogg of Pittsfield in the chair.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Moseley of Boston,—

Ordered, That the Attorney-General be requested to inform the House whether a vacancy was created in the

State director-
ship Boston &
Albany Rail-
road.

state directorship of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company by the election of Hon. John Cummings to a seat in the Senate of the Commonwealth, and his acceptance of that seat.

Report of a Committee.

Certain licenses.

By Mr. Washburn of Worcester, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Senate Bill to establish a common time for granting certain licenses, and to secure a more perfect record of such licenses and their revocation (being a new draft of the House bill with a similar title), ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for a second reading.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the
day.

Bills :

To make a further appropriation for the improvement of the Commonwealth's flats in Boston Harbor ;

To establish the civil jurisdiction of the several municipal courts within the city of Boston ;

To abolish trials by jury in municipal, district and police courts, and before justices of the peace (amended on motion of Mr. Pope of Somerville) ;

To provide for the relocation of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad in the towns of Greenfield and Deerfield, and for other purposes ; and

Relating to the clerks of the police courts of Chelsea and Springfield ; and

Resolves :

In favor of Elizabeth Howes ;

In favor of the town of South Abington ;

In favor of F. F. Follansbee of Boston ;

In favor of William Pratt of Ashburnham ;

In favor of Patrick Buckley of North Adams ;

In favor of Edward Fisher of Boston ;

Granting aid to pupils in the state normal schools ; and

Providing for the stereotyping, printing, binding and distribution of the decennial census and statistics of industry ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

In relation to the Industrial School at Lawrence ;

Requiring the Eastern Railroad Company to erect a station-house in Everett ; and

To confirm the acts and doings of William B. Harding as assistant clerk of the Central District Court of Worcester;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To prevent the recurrence and spread of Spanish fever, or Texas cattle disease, in this State; and

To provide additional terminal facilities in Springfield for the Springfield, Athol and North-Eastern Railroad and the Springfield and New London Railroad;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Senate Resolve in favor of Mary Lamb of Boston was considered, the question being on its rejection, as recommended by the committee on Finance. The rejection was negatived, and the Resolve placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

The Resolve in favor of Samuel Easter of Boston was read a second time, amended on motion of Mr. H. B. Hill of Boston, and rejected.

The Resolve in favor of Joshua H. Eldredge of Boston was read a second time, and amended on motion of Mr. H. B. Hill of Boston. The yeas and nays were ordered on motion of Mr. Ingalls of Lynn, and the resolve was ordered to a third reading by a vote of 94 yeas to 24 nays, as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. Allen, Stillman B.
Appell, J. Franklin.
Atkinson, Michael.
Ayer, Edwin.
Babson, John J.
Batchelor, Benjamin S.
Bird, Warren A.
Bird, Warren P.
Bradley, Osgood, Jr.
Buckminster, Joseph.
Carney, Michael.
Churchill, Gardner A.
Cobb, John D.
Coggsall, Henry F.
Cook, John H.
Cordis, Thomas F.
Crocker, Elisha, Jr.

Messrs. Danforth, Charles H.
Dean, Herbert A.
Dennis, Henry, Jr.
Doane, Freeman
Fisk, Luther.
Fiske, Wesley L.
Foque, Theodore N.
Freeto, John.
Fuller, Henry W.
Garity Thomas R.
Gilmore, Onslow.
Hall, Andrew.
Hapgood, Lyman S.
Hartwell, James D.
Hathaway, Frederick.
Hawkes, Nathan M.
Hill, Henry B.

Messrs. Hill, John B.	Messrs. Pronty, David.
Hitchings, Otis M.	Read, Washington.
Hoffman, Ira W.	Rice, Charles B.
Holmes, Henry T.	Richards, Charles W.
Ingalls, Ephraim A.	Rogers, Charles A.
Keith, Ambrose.	Saunders, Amos J.
Keith, Isaac N.	Shattuck, Elijah C.
Keith, Ziba C.	Slade, Albion K.
Kendall, Edward.	Small, Isaiah A.
King, William S.	Southwick, John R.
Knapp, Joel.	Stacey, Benjamin F.
Lindsey, Nathaniel E.	Sullivan, Michael.
Loud, Charles A.	Swett, Jackson B.
March, Andrus.	Swett, Noah.
McCafferty, Matthew J.	Talbot, Samuel, Jr.
McPherson, Eben'r M.	Taylor, Oliver.
Merritt, Christopher C.	Thayer, Davis, Jr.
Morrissey, John.	Tuttle, Henry G.
Murphy, Jeremiah.	Walden, Edwin.
Murphy, John J.	Wallace, William S.
Nelson, Sherman.	Warren, Alonzo.
Nichols, John B.	Washburn, John D.
Noonan, Daniel.	Waterman, Eleazer E.
Norton, John B.	Watts, William.
Nourse, B. Alden.	Webster, David L.
Nutter, Isaac N.	Wellington, Austin C.
Parker, Frederick.	Wetherell, John W.
Pew, Charles H., 2d.	Whicher, John D.
Phinney, Stephen C.	Whitney, Edward.
Preston, David A.	Wilson, Geo. C.

NAYS.

Messrs. Burr, Isaac T.	Messrs. Pillsbury, Albert E.
Capron, Charles C.	Robinson, Wallace F.
Downer, Francis E.	Ropes, Joseph S.
Fairbanks, George O.	Sawin, Samuel D.
Hale, Charles.	Sawyer, Enoch.
Kimball, Ensign.	Sleeper, Solomon S.
Knowlton, Hosea M.	Snow, Samuel
Merritt, George W.	Wadsworth, Alexander
Miner, Henry S.	White, Joseph W.
Osgood, Charles S.	Williams, Moses, Jr.
Paul, Joseph F.	Wing, Daniel.
Pierce, Edward L.	Winslow, Isaac.

Yeas, 94 ; nays, 24.

The Resolve in favor of Edward Steimle of Boston was read, and amended on motion of Mr. H. B. Hill of Boston.

On motion of Mr. Allen of Boston the yeas and nays were ordered, and the resolve was ordered to a third reading by a vote of 93 yeas to 26 nays, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Adams, Ebenezer.
Allen, Stillman B.
Appell, J. Franklin.
Atkinson, Michael.
Ayer, Edwin.
Babson, John J.
Barry, Patrick.
Bird, Warren A.
Bird, Warren P.
Brownell, Lysander N.
Bryant, Orrin.
Buckminster, Joseph.
Carney, Michael.
Churchill, Gardner A.
Cobb, John D.
Coggsball, Henry F.
Cook, John H.
Cordis, Thomas F.
Danforth, Charles H.
Dean, Herbert A.
Doane, Freeman.
Fiske, Wesley L.
Foque, Theodore N.
Freeto, John.
Fuller, Henry W.
Gargan, Thomas J.
Gilmore, Onslow.
Granger, George W.
Hannum, Leander M.
Hapgood, Lyman S.
Hartwell, James D.
Hathaway, Frederick.
Hawks, Alanson K.
Heywood, Samuel R.
Hill, Henry B.
Hill, John B.
Hitchings, Otis M.
Hoffman, Ira W.
Holmes, Henry T.
Ingalls, Ephraim A.
Jones, Jesse H.
Keith, Ambrose.
Kendall, Edward.
King, William S.

Messrs. Knapp, Joel.
Lee, Henry.
Lindsey, Nathaniel E.
Loud, Charles A.
Mayo, Edward F.
McPherson, Eben'r M.
Merritt, Christopher C.
Morissey, John.
Moseley, Frederick P.
Murphy, Jeremiah.
Nelson, Sherman.
Nichols, John B.
Noonan, Daniel.
Norton, John B.
Nourse, B. Alden.
Osborn, Weaver.
Parker, Frederick.
Preston, David A.
Prouty, David.
Read, Washington.
Reed, George W.
Rice, Charles B.
Rogers, Charles A.
Root, Joseph H.
Ropes, Joseph S.
Saunders, Amos J.
Shattuck, Calvin W.
Slade, Albion K.
Small, Isaiah A.
Southwick, John R.
Stacey, Benjamin F.
Supple, James F.
Swett, Jackson B.
Swett, Noah.
Talbot, Samuel, Jr.
Truell, Byron.
Tuttle, Henry G.
Wallace, William S.
Warren, Alonzo.
Waterman, Eleazer E.
Watts, William.
Webster, David L.
Wellington, Austin C.
Wetherbee, John.

Messrs. Wetherell, John W. Messrs. Whitney, Edward.
 Whicher, John D. Wilson, George C.
 White, James.

NAYS.

Messrs. Burr, Isaac T.	Messrs. Sawin, Samuel D.
Dennis, Henry, Jr.	Sawyer, Enoch.
Downer, Francis E.	Sleeper, Solomon S.
Hale, Charles.	Snow, Samuel.
Hill, Joseph W.	Wade, Levi C.
Kimball, Ensign.	Wadsworth, Alexander.
Kimball, Moses.	Walden, Edwin.
Miner, Henry S.	Ward, Alanson W.
Osgood, Charles S.	Washburn, John D.
Paul, Joseph F.	White, Benjamin.
Pierce, Edward L.	Williams, Moses, Jr.
Pillsbury, Albert E.	Wing, Daniel
Robinson, Wallace F.	Woodward, James C.

Yeas, 93 ; nays, 26.

The Resolve providing for estimates for a scientific survey of the State was read a second time, and after debate was ordered to a third reading by a vote of 44 to 39. Mr. Jenks of Boston raised the point that a quorum had not voted, and asked for a count of the House, which being had showed that but 94 members were present; and the House, on motion of Mr. Jenks of Boston, at 4.50 adjourned, pending the verification of the vote above referred to.

TUESDAY, April 4, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Reports of Committees.

Tramps.

By Mr. Reed of South Abington, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Order relative to the expediency of providing for the refunding by the State to cities and towns of a portion of the expense incurred by them in providing for tramps.

Read, accepted under suspension of the rule, and sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Bailey of Newbury, from the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the estimates of the Trustees of the Lunatic Hospital at Worcester, and on so much of the Governor's address as relates to the same subject. Read and placed in the orders of the day for tomorrow.

Worcester
Lunatic Hos-
pital.

By Mr. Carney of Boston, from the same committee, on the report of the commissioners upon the erection of the new hospital for the insane in the north-eastern part of the Commonwealth, a Resolve in aid of the State Lunatic Hospital at Danvers. Read, and referred in course to the committee on Finance.

Danvers Lunatic
Hospital.

By Mr. Rogers of Chelsea, from the committee on Harbors, on the petition of E. M. Thurston and others for authority to construct a highway and drawbridge over Lee's and Cole's rivers, and a petition in aid of and remonstrance against the same (recommitted), a Bill to authorize the county commissioners of Bristol County to lay out a highway and construct drawbridges over Lee's and Cole's rivers. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Lee's and Cole's
rivers.

Bills Enacted.

Engrossed bills :

Bills enacted.

To regulate the taking of fish in North River, in the county of Plymouth ;

To authorize the Fall River Railroad Company to sell or lease its road ;

To appropriate the income of the compensation fund for Boston Harbor ;

Requiring certain returns to the Commissioners on Inland Fisheries ;

Relating to the commitment of children to the State Primary School, and to their discharge therefrom ;

To extend the time for the construction and completion of a highway and bridge across the Connecticut River at Turner's Falls ;

To change a portion of the harbor line in Gloucester Harbor ;

To regulate inquests on dead bodies ;

Relating to night-walkers ;

To regulate the use of steamboats for the conveyance of passengers ;

To incorporate the Bryant Free Library ;

To establish the salary of the Secretary of the Board of Education ;

Making appropriations for the expenses of the State Almshouse, the State Primary School at Monson, the State Prison, the Reform School at Westborough, the Industrial School at Lancaster, the Bridgewater Workhouse, the State Detective Force, and for other purposes ;

To authorize the town of Provincetown to establish a sinking fund for the payment of its indebtedness, incurred by its subscription for the capital stock of the Old Colony Railroad Company ;

To authorize the county commissioners of the county of Essex to lay out a highway and construct a bridge over Ipswich River ;

To authorize the city of Boston to reconstruct Dover Street Bridge in said city ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Relating to the passage of vessels through drawbridges ;

In addition to an Act to divide the Commonwealth into districts for the choice of representatives in the Congress of the United States ;

Relating to the sealing of weights and measures ;

To amend section 44 of chapter 24 of the General Statutes, relating to the assessment of taxes in fire districts ;

Relating to deposit notes of mutual fire insurance companies ;

To authorize the construction of certain narrow-gauge railroads in Billerica and Bedford ;

To allow the use of tents and camp equipage by educational institutions ; and

Authorizing the cities of Boston and Chelsea to reconstruct Chelsea Bridge ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Resolve passed. An engrossed Resolve concerning the Commissioners of Prisons (which originated in the Senate) was passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Taken from the Table.

C. J. Hinkson. On motion of Mr. Miner of Phillipston, the Resolve in favor of C. J. Hinkson was taken from the table and

placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on ordering it to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Pierce of Milton, the Order relative Bank robbery. to increasing the penalty for organized bank robbery, the committee on the Judiciary having been discharged from its further consideration. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Reconsideration.

On motion of Mr. Ropes of Boston, the vote whereby Samuel Easter. the House yesterday rejected the Resolve in favor of Samuel Easter of Boston was reconsidered. The question recurring on ordering the Resolve to a third reading, it was so ordered; and, under suspension of the rules, moved by Mr. Merritt of Springfield, it was read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Discharged from the Orders.

On motion of Mr. Pierce of Milton, the Resolves: Resolves.

In favor of Joshua H. Eldredge of Boston;

In favor of Edward M. Steimle of Boston;

In favor of F. F. Follansbee of Boston;

In favor of William Pratt of Ashburnham;

In favor of Patrick Buckley of North Adams; and

In favor of Edward Fisher of Boston;

Were severally discharged from the orders of the day, read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of the same gentleman, the Resolves:

In favor of Elizabeth Howes; and

In favor of the town of South Abington;

Were severally discharged from the orders of the day, read, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of the same gentleman, the Resolve in favor of Mary Lamb of Boston was discharged from the orders of the day, read, and, under suspension of the rules, read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, the Bill to Boston municipal courts. establish the civil jurisdiction of the several municipal courts within the city of Boston was discharged from the orders of the day, read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the
day.

Bills :

To regulate the fisheries in Taunton Great River and Nemasket River ; and

To establish a common time for granting certain licenses, and to secure a more perfect record of such licenses and their revocation ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To provide for the relocation of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad in the towns of Greenfield and Deerfield, and for other purposes ; and

To authorize the town of Greenfield to raise money to reimburse the Commonwealth for land taken for a railroad in Greenfield ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

A verification of the vote by which the Resolve providing for estimates for a scientific survey of the State was yesterday ordered to a third reading by less than a quorum of the House, was had, and the resolve was so ordered by a vote of 68 to 39.

The report of the committee on Claims, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of the towns of Sandisfield, Otis and Tolland for reimbursement for money expended by them in the partial construction of the Lee and New Haven Railroad was considered. The pending motion of Mr. J. W. Hill of Boston to amend by substituting "leave to withdraw" for "reference to the next General Court" was lost, and the report was accepted in concurrence.

The Bill to incorporate the Springfield Safe Deposit and Trust Company was read a second time. Mr. Evans of Everett moved to amend by substituting a new bill with the same title. On motion of Mr. Seymour of Springfield the Bill was laid on the table, and the substitute ordered to be printed.

The bill to divide the Commonwealth into forty districts for the choice of senators was read and considered. Amendments moved by Messrs. Thayer of Franklin and Hall of Boston were adopted. On motion of Mr. Osgood of Salem, the yeas and nays were ordered on a motion of Mr. Truell of Lawrence to amend by substituting new sections for sections 2 and 7 of the bill, and the motion

was carried by a vote of 99 yeas to 91 nays, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Allen, Stillman B.
 Alley, William A.
 Atkinson, Michael.
 Ayer, Edwin.
 Babson, John J.
 Bailey, Daniel D.
 Ballou, Monroe E.
 Bartlett, Daniel W.
 Bartlett, James E. T.
 Bates, Eliakim A.
 Bird, Warren A.
 Bird, Warren P.
 Bowen, Francis C.
 Breed, Amos F.
 Burr, Isaac T.
 Carney, Michael.
 Clapp, Frederick W.
 Coburn, Edward.
 Converse, Charles S.
 Cordis, Thomas F.
 Coveney, Jeremiah W.
 Danforth, Charles H.
 Daniels, George F.
 Dennis, Henry, Jr.
 Doherty, Neil.
 Evans, Alonzo H.
 Foque, Theodore N.
 Freeto, John.
 Fuller, Charles.
 Garity, Thomas R.
 Hannum, Leander M.
 Hapgood, Lyman S.
 Hartwell, James D.
 Haskell, George
 Hawkes, Nathan M.
 Hill, Henry B.
 Hill, John B.
 Hitchings, Otis M.
 Hoffman, Ira W.
 Howe, George F.
 Hunt, Jonas S.
 Huse, Caleb B.
 Ingalls, Ephraim A.
 Jenks, Thomas L.
 Kendall, Edward.
 Kennedy, Patrick.

Messrs. Kimball, Moses.
 Kingsbury, Joseph A.
 Knapp, Joel.
 Knowles, John.
 Lawrence, Daniel W.
 Lindsey, Nathaniel E.
 Longley, Samuel.
 Merritt, Christopher C.
 Merritt, George W.
 Mooney, Thomas.
 Morrill, George W.
 Morse, Elijah A.
 Moseley, Frederick P.
 Murphy, Jeremiah.
 Nelson, Sherman.
 Nichols, John B.
 Noonan, Daniel.
 Osgood, Charles S.
 Owen, Harvey M.
 Parker, Frederick.
 Parker, George G.
 Pew, Charles H., 2d.
 Pope, Charles G.
 Preston, David A.
 Putnam, Henry W.
 Read, Henry C.
 Rice, Charles B.
 Ropes, Joseph S.
 Rust, Nathaniel J.
 Saunders, Amos J.
 Sawyer, Ebenezer.
 Sawyer, Enoch.
 Shattuck, Calvin W.
 Shattuck, Elijah C.
 Smith, Andrew.
 Southwick, John R.
 Stacey, Benjamin F.
 Stone, Frederick M.
 Sullivan, Michael.
 Supple, James F.
 Swett, Jackson B.
 Taylor, Oliver.
 Thayer, Davis, Jr.
 Truell, Byron.
 Tuttle, Henry G.
 Van Deusen, William I.

Messrs. Wade, Levi C.
Walden, Edwin.
Washburn, John D.
Wellington, Austin C.

Messrs. Wetherell, John W.
Whitney, Edward.
Williams, Moses, Jr.

NATS.

Messrs. Abbe, James.
Batchelor, Benjamin S.
Bradley, Osgood, Jr.
Brownell, Lysander N.
Bryant, Orrin.
Buckminster, Joseph.
Coggeshall, Henry F.
Cook, Horace.
Cook, John H.
Crocker, Elisha, Jr.
Dean, Herbert A.
Doane, Freeman.
Downer, Francis E.
Estabrook, Adin C.
Fairbanks, George O.
Fish, William W.
Fisk, Luther.
Fiske, Wesley L.
Fuller, Henry W.
Gifford, Benjamin.
Gilmore, Onslow.
Gleason, Samuel S.
Goodsell, Curtis B.
Hale, Charles.
Hall, Andrew.
Hathaway, Frederick.
Hathaway, Isaac N.
Hawks, Alanson K.
Heywood, Samuel R.
Hicks, Samuel D.
Hill, Joseph W.
Holmes, Henry T.
Howland, Weston.
Keith, Ambrose.
Keith, Isaac N.
Keith, Monroe.
Kellogg, Ensign H.
Kimball, Ensign.
King, William S.
Knowlton, Henry C.
Lee, Henry.
Loud, Charles A.
Mann, Seth, 2d.

Messrs. Mayo, Edward F.
McCafferty, Matthew J.
McPherson, Eben'r M.
Miner, Henry S.
Mitchell, Joseph, 2d.
Morissey, John.
Noble, Reuben.
Norton, John B.
Nourse, B. Alden.
Nutter, Isaac N.
Osborn, Weaver.
Paul, Joseph F.
Perry, George R.
Pillsbury, Albert E.
Prouty, David.
Read, Washington.
Reed, George W.
Richards, Charles W.
Robinson, Wallace F.
Root, Joseph H.
Russell, Solomon N.
Sawin, Samuel D.
Searle, John F.
Seymour, Stephen E.
Sherman, Elon.
Sleeper, Solomon S.
Small, Isaiah A.
Smith, Newton.
Snow, Samuel.
Swett, Noah.
Talbot, Samuel, Jr.
Taylor, Charles A.
Wadsworth, Alexander.
Ward, Alanson W.
Warren, Alonzo.
Watts, William.
Webster, David L.
Wetherbee, John.
Whicher, John D.
White, Benjamin.
White, James.
White, Joseph W.
Wilson, George C.

Messrs. Wilson, John G.
Wing, Daniel.
Winslow, Isaac.

Messrs. Wood, Eliphaz H.
Woodward, James C.

Yeas, 99 ; nays, 91.

Amendments moved by Messrs. Howe of West Boylston and Snow of Barnstable were rejected, and the bill was passed to be engrossed as amended, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill concerning coöperative saving, fund and loan associations was considered. Pending the question on ordering it to a third reading, the House,

At 5.28, adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, April 5, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Orders.

Mr. Osgood of Salem offered the following Order, which was referred under the rule to the committee on Printing, and sent up for concurrence :—

Ordered, That 400 copies of each of the investigations made by the committee on Railroads, by order of the Legislature at its present session, be bound in cloth for the use of members. Railroad investigations.

The following Order, offered by Mr. Washburn of Worcester, was referred, under the 20th joint rule, to the next General Court :—

Ordered, That His Excellency the Governor be requested to communicate to the House (if not incompatible with the public interests), the reasons for the pardon of Marie Adelaide Gautier, heretofore convicted of felony. M. A. Gautier.

The following, offered by Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, was adopted under suspension of the 20th joint rule, and sent up for concurrence in such suspension :—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of addressing His Excellency the Governor for the removal from office of James D. Black, a justice of James D. Black.

The report of the committee was then accepted in concurrence.

The report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to the taxation of mortgages, was considered. On motion of Mr. Supple of Boston, the report was amended by substituting "reference to the next General Court" for "inexpedient to legislate." Accepted in concurrence, and sent up for concurrence in the amendment.

The Resolve in favor of the State Normal Art-School was read, amended on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, and ordered to a third reading.

The Resolve in aid of the Massachusetts Agricultural College was considered. After debate, the rejection, recommended by the committee on Finance, was negatived by a vote of 29 to 41. Mr. Clapp of Framingham raised the point that a quorum had not voted. Mr. White of Boston called for a count of the House, which being had, showed that a quorum was not present. Pending the verification of the vote on rejection, the House,

At 5.15, adjourned.

MONDAY, April 10, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Rice of Danvers, a member of the House.

Papers from the Senate.

State charities.

A Bill to reorganize the charitable and correctional work of the Commonwealth, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

Trespassers.

The House Bill to secure land from trespassers came down passed to be engrossed in concurrence by the Senate, with amendments. Referred, on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, to the committee on the Judiciary.

Report of a Committee.

Clerks and messenger of Surgeon-General.

By Mr. Nutter of East Bridgewater, from the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures, on the general order relative to salaries, etc., a Bill establishing the salary of

the clerks and messenger in the Surgeon-General's department. Read and ordered to a second reading under suspension of the 42d rule.

Taken from the Table.

On motion of Mr. Pierce of Milton, the statement of the amounts paid during each of the last five years to or on account of the Harbor Commissioners and the Commissioners on Public Lands, and also of the amount expended in connection with improvements in Boston Harbor, was taken from the table and placed on file. Expenses of sundry commissions.

On motion of Mr. Gardner of Palmer, the Order relating to a trial list was taken from the table and indefinitely postponed. Trial list.

On motion of Mr. Moseley of Boston, the Bill in relation to towns and cities subscribing to the stock and securities of railroad corporations was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on ordering it to a third reading. Town subscriptions to railroads.

On motion of the same gentleman, the communication from the Attorney-General relative to a vacancy in the state directorship of the Boston and Albany Railroad was taken from the table and referred to the committee on Railroads. Sent up for concurrence. State director Boston & Albany Railroad.

Discharged from the Orders.

On motion of Mr. Fairbanks of Fall River, the Bill to authorize the county commissioners of Bristol County to lay out a highway and construct drawbridges over Lee's and Cole's rivers was discharged from the orders of the day. The bill was read a third time, amended on motion of the same gentleman, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence. Lee's and Cole's rivers.

Orders of the Day.

The order relative to increasing the penalty for organized bank robbery was indefinitely postponed. Orders of the day.

The report of the committee on Banks and Banking, reference to the next General Court, on an Order relative to giving the same powers to other similar institutions as are given to the Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company, was accepted in concurrence.

A verification of the vote of yesterday on the rejection

of the Resolve in aid of the Massachusetts Agricultural College was had, and the resolve was rejected.

Bills :

To regulate lying-in hospitals ;

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To amend the General Statutes, relative to the descent and distribution of real and personal property (amended on motions of Messrs. Stone of Waltham and Hale of Boston) ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

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On motion of Mr. Pope of Somerville,—

Ordered, That Wednesday, April 12, be considered to be the beginning of the last week of the session. Last week of session.

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The House bills :

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In addition to chapter 371 of the Acts of the year 1872, relating to the regulation and inspection of buildings in Boston ; Boston building act.

Severally came down passed to be engrossed in concurrence by the Senate, with amendments, which were severally referred, under the rule, to the committee on the Judiciary.

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By Mr. Miner of Phillipston, from the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures, to whom were referred the Senate amendments to the House bills : Salary bills.

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To establish the salaries of the Sergeant-at-Arms, doorkeepers, assistant doorkeepers, postmaster, messengers and pages of the Senate and House of Representatives ;

Regulating the salary of the engineer, watchmen and firemen at the State House ; and

To establish the salary of the chief of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor, and of the Deputy of said Bureau ;

That the House should concur in the several amendments.

Under suspension of the rule, the reports were at once considered, and the Senate amendments to the several bills were concurred in.

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Half-Way pond
rivers.

By Mr. Gardner of Palmer, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Senate Bill in addition to an Act to regulate the fishery in the Agawam and Half-Way Pond rivers ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for a second reading.

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To establish a common time for granting certain licenses, and to secure a more perfect record of such licenses and their revocation ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Resolves
passed.

Engrossed resolves :

Providing for the printing of an additional volume of the special laws ; and

Relating to the improvement of the fishway in the Merrimack River at Lawrence, and of the Holyoke fishway in the Connecticut River ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Reconsideration.

Mr. Haskell of Ipswich moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the Resolve in aid of the Massachusetts Agricultural College was yesterday rejected in accordance with the recommendation of the committee on Finance. The motion was carried; and the question recurring on the rejection of the resolve, the House, after debate, negatived the rejection, and the resolve was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for a second reading.

Agricultural
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Taken from the Table.

On motion of Mr. Ropes of Boston, the Bill for the supply of water to the state hospital for the insane in Danvers was taken from the table and considered. The bill was ordered to a third reading, and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

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Discharged from the Orders.

On motion of Mr. Parker of Milford, the Bill to amend section 16 of chapter 216 of the Acts of the year 1862, in relation to commitment of prisoners to lock-ups, was discharged from the orders of the day, amended on his further motion, passed to be engrossed in concurrence; and sent up for concurrence in the amendments.

Lock-ups.

*Orders of the Day.***Bills:**

Establishing the salary of the clerks and messenger in the Surgeon-General's department; and

To set off a part of the town of Medford to the town of Malden (amended on motion of Mr. Foque of Malden);

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to confer a veto power on the mayors of cities was further considered, amended on motion of Mr. Washburn of Worcester, and ordered to a third reading.

The Resolve granting county taxes was read, amended on motion of Mr. Clapp of Framingham, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

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Orders of the
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The Bill to reduce the expenses and increase the efficiency of the militia was further considered. The pending motion of Mr. Gargan of Boston to refer to the committee on the Judiciary was lost. The pending motion of Mr. Pierce of Milton to recommit the bill to the committee on Military Affairs, with instructions, was amended on motion of Mr. Hawkes of Lynn by striking out the instructions, and as amended was rejected.

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The report of the committee on the Fisheries, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Winthrop Sears and others for amendment of an Act to authorize the towns of Dennis and Yarmouth to regulate the fisheries in Bass River, was considered. A motion of Mr. Wing of Yarmouth to amend by substituting a bill was lost, and the report was then accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill relating to state printing was read a second time and considered. Mr. Kimball of Boston moved to amend by substituting a bill in relation to public printing and stationery. The motion prevailed, and the bill as amended was ordered to a third reading.

At 5.15, adjourned.

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Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Moseley of Boston,—

Ordered, That Wednesday, April 19, at 3 o'clock, P. M., be assigned for a convention of both branches, for the purpose of choosing four directors, on the part of the Commonwealth, of the Boston and Albany Railroad Corporation; i. e., three directors for the term of two years, and one director for one year to fill the place of Hon. John Cummings, whose seat is declared vacant by the Attorney-General. Sent up for concurrence.

State directors
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Albany Rail-
road.

Papers from the Senate.

Notice was received from the Senate of the rejection by that branch of the House bills:

In relation to witnesses; and

Relating to the granting of divorces on petitions from inhabitants of this State.

The House Bill concerning the printing of certain public documents came down passed to be engrossed in concurrence by the Senate, with amendments, in which the House concurred.

The report of the committee on Railroads, stating the result of their investigation of the affairs of the Eastern Railroad Company, and that no special legislation is necessary or expedient on the orders and petition upon which the investigation was made, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for Friday.

Eastern Rail-
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Bills:

In relation to the inspection of factories and public buildings, and for other purposes (being a new draft of the House Bill to establish the office of inspector of tenement-houses, public buildings and factories);

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Concerning the water supply of cities and towns; and

To regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors;

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License bill.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

• • *Reports of Committees.*

Feeble-minded youth.

By Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the committee on Finance, that the Bill providing for the support of pupils admitted under the designation of the Governor to the Massachusetts School for Idiotic and Feeble-minded Youth ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for Friday, the question being on its rejection.

State House repairs.

By Mr. Dean of Adams, from the same committee, that the Resolve providing for repairs on the State House ought to pass.

Massachusetts Central Railroad.

By Mr. Pierce of Milton, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Senate Bill to extend the time for applications for damages for land taken for the location of the Massachusetts Central Railroad ought to pass.

Lieutenant-Governor and employés executive department.

By Mr. Wade of Newton, from the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures, that the Senate Bill to fix the compensation of the Lieutenant-Governor and Council and employés of the executive department (being a new draft of the House Bill to fix the salaries of the executive officers and employés of the executive department) ought to pass, with amendments.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for Friday for a second reading.

Danvers Lunatic Hospital.

By Mr. Converse of Woburn, from the committee on Finance, that the Resolve in aid of the State Lunatic Hospital at Danvers, ought to pass in a new draft entitled a Bill in further addition to an Act to establish a hospital for the insane in the north-eastern part of the Commonwealth.

Clerk Second Bristol District Court.

By Mr. Wade of Newton, from the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures, on so much of the petition of James M. Morton and others as relates to the salary of said clerk, a Bill to fix the salary of the clerk of the Second District Court of Bristol.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading, the latter under suspension of the 42d rule.

Valuation.

By Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the joint special committee on the Valuation of the Commonwealth, on the report and tabular statements of the Deputy Tax Commissioner, a Bill to establish the polls and estates of the several cities and towns in the Commonwealth.

The committee also reported the following Order, which, on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, was at once

considered, under suspension of the rule requiring its reference to the committee on Printing, adopted, and at once sent up for concurrence :—

Ordered, That 2,000 copies of the report of the committee upon the Valuation of the Commonwealth, together with an appendix, to contain the Tax Commissioner's report and details of the valuation of this year and of the year 1872, be printed.

The order subsequently came down from the Senate referred to the committee on Printing, in which reference the House concurred.

The bill was read and ordered to a second reading.

By Mr. Wade of Newton, from the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures, leave to withdraw, on so much of the petition of James M. Morton and others for increase of the salaries of the justice and clerk of the Second District Court of Bristol as relates to the salary of the justice. Read and placed in the orders of the day for Friday.

Judge Second
District Court,
Bristol.

Bills Enacted.

Engrossed bills :

Bills enacted.

To amend section 58 of chapter 178 of the General Statutes, relative to supporting prisoners ;

To confirm the acts and doings of William B. Harding as assistant clerk of the Central District Court of Worcester ; and

To renew the appropriation in relation to the flats, meadows and beaches on East Harbor Creek in Provincetown and Truro ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

An engrossed Resolve in favor of the Disabled Soldiers' Employment Bureau (which originated in the House of Representatives) was passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Resolve passed.

Discharged from the Orders.

On motion of Mr. Haskell of Ipswich, the Bill relating to the appointment of resident physicians at Tewksbury Almshouse was discharged from the orders of the day. The bill was read, amended on further motion of the same gentleman, and ordered to a third reading.

Tewksbury
Almshouse.

Danvers Lunatic
Hospital.

On motion of Mr. Ropes of Boston, the Bill for the supply of water to the state hospital for the insane in Danvers, was discharged from the orders of the day. The bill was read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Subsequently, the same gentleman moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the bill was passed to be engrossed. The motion was carried, and pending the recurring question on engrossment, the bill was laid on the table on motion of Mr. Ropes.

Adjournment.

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Mr. Gargan of Boston moved, that when the House adjourns, it be to meet on Monday next at 1.30, P. M.

On this motion Mr. Churchill of Boston called for the yeas and nays, which were ordered, and, the roll being called, the motion was lost by a vote of 89 yeas to 99 nays, as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. Abbe, James.

Amsden, Edwin.

Babson, John J.

Bailey, Daniel D.

Bartlett, Daniel W.

Bird, Warren A.

Bird, Warren P.

Bradley, Osgood, Jr.

Brownell, Lysander N.

Bryant, Orrin.

Buckminster, Joseph.

Bugbee, Francis.

Carney, Michael.

Chase, Frederick T.

Clapp, Frederick W.

Coveney, Jeremiah W.

Curtiss, Albert W.

Danforth, Charles H.

Dean, Herbert A.

Fairbanks, George O.

Fisk, Luther.

Fiske, Wesley L.

Freeto, John.

Gargan, Thomas J.

Gifford, Benjamin.

Gilmore, Onslow.

Goodsell, Curtis B.

Hannum, Leander M.

Hartt, Joseph T.

Messrs. Hartwell, James D.

Haskell, George.

Hathaway, Isaac N.

Hicks, Samuel D.

Hoffman, Ira W.

Holmes, Henry T.

Howe, George F.

Howland, Weston.

Huse, Caleb B.

Ingalls, Ephraim A.

Jones, Jesse H.

Kennedy, Patrick.

Knowlton, Hosea M.

Lawrence, Daniel W.

Lee, Henry.

Lindsey, Nathaniel E.

March, Andrus.

McCafferty, Matthew J.

Morissey, John.

Morrill, George W.

Moseley, Frederick P.

Murphy, Jeremiah.

Murphy, John J.

Nichols, John B.

Noble, Reuben.

Noonan, Daniel.

Osborn, Weaver.

Osgood, Charles S.

Parker, Frederick.

Messrs. Parker, George G.
Partridge, David A.
Phinney, Stephen C.
Prouty, David.
Putnam, Henry W.
Read, Charles H.
Read, Henry C.
Richards, Charles W.
Root, Joseph H.
Sandford, Addison.
Seymour, Stephen E.
Shattuck, Calvin W.
Shattuck, Elijah C.
Sherman, Elon.
Slade, Albion K.
Sleeper, Solomon S.

Messrs. Smith, Webster.
Stacey, Benjamin F.
Stone, Frederick M.
Supple, James F.
Swett, Jackson B.
Taylor, Oliver.
Tuttle, Henry G.
Wallace, William S.
Warren, Alonzo.
Wellington, Austin C.
White, Benjamin.
White, James.
White, Joseph W.
Wilson, George C.
Wing, Daniel.

NAYS.

Messrs. Alley, William A.
Atkinson, Michael.
Ayer, Edwin.
Ballou, Monroe E.
Bartlett, James E. T.
Batchelor, Benjamin S.
Breed, Amos F.
Burr, Isaac T.
Capron, Charles C.
Churchill, Gardner A.
Clark, John P.
Cobb, John D.
Coburn, Edward.
Converse, Charles S.
Cook, John H.
Cordis, Thomas F.
Crocker, Elisha, Jr.
Dean, Dallas J.
Downer, Francis E.
Estabrook, Adin C.
Evans, Alonzo H.
Fish, William W.
Fuller, Charles.
Gardner, Charles L.
Gleason, Samuel S.
Granger, George W.
Hale, Charles.
Hall, Andrew.
Hapgood, Lyman S.
Hawkes, Nathan M.
Hawks, Alanson K.
Heywood, Samuel R.

Messrs. Hill, Henry B.
Hill, Joseph W.
Hitchings, Otis M.
Holley, Richard.
Hunt, Jonas S.
Jenks, Thomas L.
Keith, Ambrose.
Keith, Isaac N.
Keith, Monroe.
Kellogg, Ensign H.
Kimball, Ensign.
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Kingsbury, Joseph A.
Knowlton, Henry C.
Longley, Samuel.
Mackintosh, James.
Mann, Seth, 2d.
Mayo, Edward F.
McPherson, Eben'r M.
Merritt, Christopher C.
Miner, Henry S.
Morse, Elijah A.
Morse, William.
Nourse, B. Alden.
Nutter, Isaac N.
Perry, George R.
Pierce, Edward L.
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The committee also reported the following Order, which, on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, was at once

considered, under suspension of the rule requiring its reference to the committee on Printing, adopted, and at once sent up for concurrence :—

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The order subsequently came down from the Senate referred to the committee on Printing, in which reference the House concurred.

The bill was read and ordered to a second reading.

By Mr. Wade of Newton, from the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures, leave to withdraw, on so much of the petition of James M. Morton and others for increase of the salaries of the justice and clerk of the Second District Court of Bristol as relates to the salary of the justice. Read and placed in the orders of the day for Friday.

Judge Second
District Court,
Bristol.

Bills Enacted.

Engrossed bills :

Bills enacted.

To amend section 58 of chapter 178 of the General Statutes, relative to supporting prisoners ;

To confirm the acts and doings of William B. Harding as assistant clerk of the Central District Court of Worcester ; and

To renew the appropriation in relation to the flats, meadows and beaches on East Harbor Creek in Provincetown and Truro ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

An engrossed Resolve in favor of the Disabled Soldiers' Employment Bureau (which originated in the House of Representatives) was passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Resolve passed.

Discharged from the Orders.

On motion of Mr. Haskell of Ipswich, the Bill relating to the appointment of resident physicians at Tewksbury Almshouse was discharged from the orders of the day. The bill was read, amended on further motion of the same gentleman, and ordered to a third reading.

Tewksbury
Almshouse.

Reports of Committees.

Feeble-minded
youth.

By Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the committee on Finance, that the Bill providing for the support of pupils admitted under the designation of the Governor to the Massachusetts School for Idiotic and Feeble-minded Youth ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for Friday, the question being on its rejection.

State House
repairs.

By Mr. Dean of Adams, from the same committee, that the Resolve providing for repairs on the State House ought to pass.

Massachusetts
Central Rail-
road.

By Mr. Pierce of Milton, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Senate Bill to extend the time for applications for damages for land taken for the location of the Massachusetts Central Railroad ought to pass.

Lieutenant-Gov-
ernor and em-
ployés executive
department.

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Severally placed in the orders of the day for Friday for a second reading.

Danvers Lunatic
Hospital.

By Mr. Converse of Woburn, from the committee on Finance, that the Resolve in aid of the State Lunatic Hospital at Danvers, ought to pass in a new draft entitled a Bill in further addition to an Act to establish a hospital for the insane in the north-eastern part of the Commonwealth.

Clerk Second
Bristol District
Court.

By Mr. Wade of Newton, from the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures, on so much of the petition of James M. Morton and others as relates to the salary of said clerk, a Bill to fix the salary of the clerk of the Second District Court of Bristol.

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Mr. Gargan of Boston moved, that when the House adjourns, it be to meet on Monday next at 1.30, P. M.

On this motion Mr. Churchill of Boston called for the yeas and nays, which were ordered, and, the roll being called, the motion was lost by a vote of 89 yeas to 99 nays, as follows :—

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Bird, Warren A.

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Bradley, Osgood, Jr.

Brownell, Lysander N.

Bryant, Orrin.

Buckminster, Joseph.

Bugbee, Francis.

Carney, Michael.

Chase, Frederick T.

Clapp, Frederick W.

Coveney, Jeremiah W.

Curtiss, Albert W.

Danforth, Charles H.

Dean, Herbert A.

Fairbanks, George O.

Fisk, Luther.

Fiske, Wesley L.

Freeto, John.

Gargan, Thomas J.

Gifford, Benjamin.

Gilmore, Onslow.

Goodsell, Curtis B.

Hannum, Leander M.

Hartt, Joseph T.

Messrs. Hartwell, James D.

Haskell, George.

Hathaway, Isaac N.

Hicks, Samuel D.

Hoffman, Ira W.

Holmes, Henry T.

Howe, George F.

Howland, Weston.

Huse, Caleb B.

Ingalls, Ephraim A.

Jones, Jesse H.

Kennedy, Patrick.

Knowlton, Hosea M.

Lawrence, Daniel W.

Lee, Henry.

Lindsey, Nathaniel E.

March, Andrus.

McCafferty, Matthew J.

Morissey, John.

Morrill, George W.

Moseley, Frederick P.

Murphy, Jeremiah.

Murphy, John J.

Nichols, John B.

Noble, Reuben.

Noonan, Daniel.

Osborn, Weaver.

Osgood, Charles S.

Parker, Frederick.

Messrs. Parker, George G.
 Partridge, David A.
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 Prouty, David.
 Putnam, Henry W.
 Read, Charles H.
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 Evans, Alonzo H.
 Fish, William W.
 Fuller, Charles.
 Gardner, Charles L.
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 Granger, George W.
 Hale, Charles.
 Hall, Andrew.
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 Hawkes, Nathan M.
 Hawks, Alanson K.
 Heywood, Samuel R.

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 Holley, Richard.
 Hunt, Jonas S.
 Jenks, Thomas L.
 Keith, Ambrose.
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 Kellogg, Ensign H.
 Kimball, Ensign.
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 Knowlton, Henry C.
 Longley, Samuel.
 Mackintosh, James.
 Mann, Seth, 2d.
 Mayo, Edward F.
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 Miner, Henry S.
 Morse, Elijah A.
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 Hapgood, Lyman S.
 Hawkes, Nathan M.
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 Heywood, Samuel R.

Messrs. Hill, Henry B.
 Hill, Joseph W.
 Hitchings, Otis M.
 Holley, Richard.
 Hunt, Jonas S.
 Jenks, Thomas L.
 Keith, Ambrose.
 Keith, Isaac N.
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 Kellogg, Ensign H.
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 Kimball, Moses.
 Kingsbury, Joseph A.
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 Longley, Samuel.
 Mackintosh, James.
 Mann, Seth, 2d.
 Mayo, Edward F.
 McPherson, Eben'r M.
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 Miner, Henry S.
 Morse, Elijah A.
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Rice, Charles B.	Truell, Byron.
Richmond, Jonathan C.	Wade, Levi C.
Russell, Solomon N.	Wadsworth, Alexander.
Rust, Nathaniel J.	Ward, Alanson W.
Saunders, Amos J.	Waterman, Eleazer E.
Sawin, Samuel D.	Watts, William.
Sawyer, Ebenezer.	Wetherbee, John.
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Searle, John F.	Whicher, John D.
Small, Isaiah A.	Whitney, Edward.
Smith, Andrew.	Williams, Moses, Jr.
Smith, Newton.	Wilson, John G.
Snow, Samuel.	Winship, Thomas.
Spaulding, Mark H.	Winslow, Isaac.
Stevens, James T.	Wood, Eliphaz H.
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Small, Isaiah A.	Whitney, Edward.
Smith, Andrew.	Williams, Moses, Jr.
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On motion of Mr. Evans of Everett, the previous question was ordered.

Mr. J. W. Hill of Boston moved that the House do now adjourn, on which question Mr. H. B. Hill of Boston called for the yeas and nays, which were ordered. And the roll being called, the House refused to adjourn by a vote of 58 yeas to 75 nays, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Alley, William A.
Atkinson, Michael.
Bartlett, James E. T.
Breed, Amos F.
Churchill, Gardner A.
Clark, John P.
Cobb, John D.
Coburn, Edward.
Converse, Charles S.
Cook, John H.
Cordis, Thomas F.
Danforth, Charles H.
Dean, Dallas J.
Downer, Francis E.
Evans, Alonzo H.
Foque, Theodore N.
Fuller, Charles.
Hall, Andrew.
Hapgood, Lyman S.
Hawks, Alanson K.
Hill, Henry B.
Hill, Joseph W.
Holley, Richard.
Hunt, Jonas S.
Jenks, Thomas L.
Keith, Ambrose.
Keith, Monroe.
Keith, Ziba C.
Kellogg, Ensign H.

Messrs. Kimball, Ensign.
Kingsbury, Joseph A.
Knapp, Joel.
Knowlton, Henry C.
Merritt, Christopher C.
Miner, Henry S.
Morse, William.
Norton, John B.
Paul, Joseph F.
Pierce, Edward L.
Pope, Charles G.
Reed, George R.
Reynolds, Rice M.
Robinson, Wallace F.
Russell, Solomon N.
Searle, John F.
Small, Isaiah A.
Smith, Newton.
Snow, Samuel.
Spaulding, Mark H.
Stevens, James T.
Swett, Noah.
Thayer, Davis, Jr.
Van Deusen, William L.
Wade, Levi C.
Wadsworth, Alexander.
Ward, Alanson W.
Whicher, John D.
Whitney, Edward.

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Babson, John J.
Ballou, Monroe E.
Barry, Patrick.
Bird, Warren A.
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Bradley, Osgood, Jr.
Brownell, Lysander N.

Messrs. Bryant, Orrin.
Buckminster, Joseph.
Burr, Isaac T.
Carney, Michael.
Clapp, Lafayette.
Curtiss, Albert W.
Fairbanks, George O.
Fiske, Wesley L.

Messrs. Gargan, Thomas J.
 Garity, Thomas R.
 Gibbons, John M.
 Gilmore, Onslow.
 Hale, Charles.
 Hannum, Leander M.
 Hartwell, James D.
 Haskell, George.
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 Holmes, Henry T.
 Howe, George F.
 Howland, Weston.
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Yeas, 58 ; nays, 75.

At the request of Mr. Kellogg of Pittsfield, the yeas and nays were ordered on the main question, and the roll being called, the motion of Mr. Gargan was lost by a vote of 57 yeas to 72 nays, as follows :—

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 Buckminster Joseph.
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 Fairbanks, George O.

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 Sandford, Addison.
 Shattuck, Calvin W.
 Shattuck, Elijah C.
 Slade, Albion K.
 Sleeper, Solomon S.
 Smith, Robert D.
 Smith, Webster.
 Stacey, Benjamin F.
 Stone, Frederick M.
 Supple, James F.
 Tuttle, Henry G.
 Walden, Edwin.
 Warren, Alonzo.
 Webster, David L.
 Wellington, Austin C.
 White, James.

NAYS.**Messrs. Atkinson, Michael,**

Ballou, Monroe E.
 Bartlett, James E. T.
 Bryant, Orrin.
 Burr, Isaac T.
 Churchill, Gardner A.
 Clapp, Lafayette.
 Clark, John P.
 Cobb, John D.
 Coburn, Edward.
 Converse, Charles S.
 Cook, Horace.
 Cook, John H.
 Cordis, Thomas F.
 Danforth, Charles H.
 Dean, Dallas J.
 Downer, Francis E.
 Evans, Alonzo H.
 Foque, Theodore N.
 Fuller, Charles.
 Gibbons, John M.
 Granger, George W.
 Hale, Charles.
 Hall, Andrew.
 Hapgood, Lyman S.
 Hawks, Alanson K.
 Hill, Henry B.
 Hill, Joseph W.
 Holley, Richard.

Messrs. Jenks, Thomas L.

Keith, Ambrose.
 Keith, Monroe.
 Keith, Ziba C.
 Kellogg, Ensign H.
 Kendall, Edward.
 Kimball, Ensign.
 Kirtland, Edwin L.
 Knapp, Joel.
 Knowlton, Henry C.
 Mann, Seth, 2d.
 McPherson, Eben'r M.
 Merritt, Christopher C.
 Miner, Henry S.
 Morse, William.
 Norton, John B.
 Paul, Joseph F.
 Pierce, Edward L.
 Pillsbury, Albert E.
 Pope, Charles G.
 Reed, George R.
 Reynolds, Rice M.
 Rice, Charles B.
 Robinson, Wallace F.
 Russell, Solomon N.
 Searle, John F.
 Small, Isaiah A.
 Smith, Newton.
 Snow, Samuel.

Messrs. Spaulding, Mark H.	Messrs. Wade, Levi C.
Stevens, James T.	Wadsworth, Alexander.
Swett, Noah.	Ward, Alanson W.
Talbot, Samuel, Jr.	Whicher, John D.
Taylor, Charles A.	Whitney, Edward.
Thayer, Davis, Jr.	Williams, Moses, Jr.
Van Deusen, William I.	Wilson, John G.

Yeas, 57; nays, 72.

On motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, it was voted, that Adjournment.
when the House adjourns, it be to meet on Friday next, at
11 o'clock, A. M.

Motion to Reconsider.

Mr. J. W. Hill of Boston moved to reconsider the vote Secretary of the
Commonwealth,
etc.
whereby the House yesterday concurred in the Senate
amendments to the House Bill to fix the salary of the Sec-
retary of the Commonwealth and of the persons employed
in the Secretary's department, and on further motion of
the same gentleman the motion to reconsider was laid on
the table.

At 5.40, adjourned.

FRIDAY, April 14, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Reconsiderations.

Mr. Webster of Boston moved to reconsider the vote Inspection of
provisions.
by which the Bill to provide for the appointment of
inspectors of provisions and animals intended for slaughter
in cities and towns was on Wednesday passed to be
engrossed. The motion prevailed, amendments moved by
Mr. Webster were adopted, and the bill was again passed
to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. Smith of Boston moved a reconsideration of the Explosive com-
pounds.
vote by which the Bill in regard to the manufacture, stor-
age and transportation of explosive compounds was on
Wednesday passed to be engrossed as amended. The
motion was carried; and pending the recurring question

on engrossment the bill was recommitted to the committee on the Judiciary, on motion of Mr. Williams of Brookline.

Papers from the Senate.

Notice was received from the Senate of the rejection by that branch of the House bills :

Winchester
water supply.

In addition to an Act to supply the town of Winchester with pure water ;

Town subscrip-
tions to railroad
stock.

Relating to the subscriptions of towns and cities to the capital stock and securities of railroad corporations ; and the

International
arbitration
Report of com-
mittee on Valua-
tion.

Resolution in favor of international arbitration.

The report of the committee on Printing, that the Order relative to printing extra copies of the report of the committee on the Valuation of the Commonwealth ought to pass, accepted by the Senate, was read and accepted in concurrence under suspension of the rule, and the order adopted in concurrence.

Seizure—liquor
bill.

The House Bill to authorize the seizure, destruction or sale of intoxicating liquors exposed and kept for sale contrary to law, came down passed to be engrossed in concurrence, with amendments, in which the House concurred.

Committals to
industrial and
reform schools.

The House Bill relating to the support of persons committed to the State Industrial School and the State Reform School came down passed to be engrossed in concurrence by the Senate, in a new draft. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Insurance Com-
missioner.

The House Bill to fix the salaries of the Insurance Commissioner, his deputy and clerks, came down passed to be engrossed in concurrence, with an amendment, which was referred, under the rule, to the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures.

Chesterfield.

A Bill ratifying the election of town officers in the town of Chesterfield in the year 1876, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred under the rule to the committee on the Judiciary.

House bills :

Elections.

In addition to an Act relating to elections ; and

Mortgage of
trust estates.

To authorize, in certain cases, the mortgage of real estate held in trust ;

Came down, severally passed to be engrossed in concurrence by the Senate, with amendments, which were referred under the rule to the committee on the Judiciary.

Reports of a Committee.

By Mr. Hale of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Senate amendment to the House Bill to alter the limits of Fire District No. 1, in the town of South Hadley, that the House should concur in the amendment. South Hadley Fire District No. 1.

By Mr. Smith of Boston, from the same committee, to whom were referred the Senate amendments to the House Bill concerning attachments, that the House should concur in said amendments. Attachments.

By Mr. Gardner of Palmer, from the same committee, to whom was referred the Senate amendment to the House Bill in addition to chapter 371 of the Acts of the year 1872, relating to the regulation and inspection of buildings in Boston, that the House should concur in the amendment. Boston building act.

Severally read, accepted under suspension of the rule, and the amendments concurred in.

By Mr. Pierce of Milton, from the same committee, that the Senate Bill relating to the punishment of bank, safe and vault robbery ought to pass in a new draft, with the same title. Bank robbery. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Bills Enacted.

Engrossed bills :

Bills enacted.

To fix the salaries of the Deputy Tax Commissioner and the several employes in the Tax Commissioner's department ;

Establishing the salary of the Auditor and of the clerks in his department ;

Relating to certain employes in the department of the Treasurer and Receiver-General of the Commonwealth ;

To establish the salaries of the Sergeant-at-Arms, doorkeepers, assistant doorkeepers, postmaster, messengers and pages of the Senate and House of Representatives ;

Regulating the salary of the engineer, watchmen and firemen at the State House ;

To establish the salary of the Chief of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor, and of a clerk of said Bureau ;

In relation to the industrial school at Lawrence ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives) ; and

For the better protection of infants ;

(Which originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Taken from the Table.

- Salary of the Secretary of the Commonwealth.** On motion of Mr. J. W. Hill of Boston, his motion to reconsider the vote by which the House concurred in the Senate amendments to the House Bill to fix the salary of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and of the persons employed in the Secretary's department, was taken from the table. The motion to reconsider was carried, and pending the recurring question upon concurrence the matter was again laid on the table.
- Ibid.** Subsequently a message was received from the Senate asking the return of the bill to that branch. On motion of Mr. J. W. Hill the bill was taken from the table and returned, the same gentleman being appointed a committee to convey it to the Senate.
- Capital punishment.** On motion of Mr. Knowlton of New Bedford, the Order offered by him concerning the abolition of capital punishment. Referred to the next General Court on motion of Mr. Pierce of Milton.
- Springfield Safe Deposit Co.** On motion of Mr. Evans of Everett, the Bill to incorporate the Springfield Safe Deposit and Trust Company. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, the question being on ordering it to a third reading, and pending a motion of Mr. Evans to amend by substituting a new bill.
- On motions of Mr. Kimball of Boston, the following matters were taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow:—
- Franklin.** Motion of Mr. Thayer of Franklin to suspend the 20th joint rule on a petition of the selectmen of Franklin for an Act to authorize said town to raise money for celebrating its centennial anniversary, etc.
- Trustee process.** Motion of Mr. Hale of Boston to reconsider the vote by which the Bill regulating costs on trustee process in which wages are attached was rejected.
- Edward Crane.** Report of the committee on the petition of Edward Crane and others, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Edward Crane and associates for an Act of incorporation as the Boston and Chicago Railway Trust Company, and a petition in aid of the same. (Pending a motion of Mr. Webster of Boston to amend by substituting a bill.)

Orders of the Day.

The Resolve providing for repairs on the State House ; Orders of the day.
and the

Bill to extend the time for applications for damages for land taken for the location of the Massachusetts Central Railroad ;

Were severally read, and ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, under suspension of the rule, moved by Mr. Hale of Boston, the bill above named was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bills :

For the protection of trout, land-locked salmon and lake trout ;

Relating to the appointment of resident physicians at Tewksbury Almshouse ; and

In relation to estates held on condition (the pending amendment moved by Mr. Hale of Boston being adopted) ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill in addition to an Act to regulate the fishery in the Agawam and Half-Way Pond rivers was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Bill to secure greater publicity and uniformity in the accounts of railroad corporations was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. Williams of Brookline its consideration was postponed until Monday next, pending motions by Messrs. Pierce of Milton and Haskell of Ipswich to amend by substituting bills.

The report of the committee appointed to investigate charges made by Hon. Moses Kimball of Boston was considered. The report was amended, on motion of Mr. Hannum of Cambridge, by substituting the views of a minority of the committee, and the matter was then indefinitely postponed on motion of Mr. Allen of Boston.

The Bill in relation to savings banks and institutions for savings was further considered. The pending amendments moved by Mr. Jones of Abington were rejected. The bill was then amended on motions of Messrs. Ropes, Hale, Lee and H. B. Hill of Boston, Lawrence of Medford, Batchelor of New Bedford, Kellogg of Pittsfield, and Osgood of Salem ; and the yeas and nays being ordered on the main question on motion of Mr. Osborn of Fall River, the bill was passed to be engrossed by a vote of

118 yeas to 64 nays, and sent up for concurrence, the vote being as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs.	YEAS.	Messrs.
Adams, Ebenezer.		Kellogg, Ensign H.
Allen, Stillman B.		Kimball, Ensign.
Alley, William A.		Kimball, Moses.
Ayer, Edwin.		King, William S.
Barry, Patrick.		Kingsbury, Joseph A.
Bartlett, James E. T.		Knapp, Joel.
Bates, Eliakim A.		Lawrence, Daniel W.
Bird, Warren A.		Lee, Henry.
Bowen, Francis C.		Lindsey, Nathaniel E.
Breed, Amos F.		Longley, Samuel.
Brownell, Lysander N.		Mann, Seth, 2d.
Burr, Isaac T.		March, Andrus.
Carney, Michael.		Mayo, Edward F.
Churchill, Gardner A.		McPherson, Eben'r M.
Clapp, Frederick W.		Morse, William.
Clark, John P.		Moseley, Frederick P.
Cobb, John D.		Murphy, John J.
Coburn, Edward.		Nourse, B. Alden.
Coggsball, Henry F.		Nutter, Isaac N.
Converse, Charles S.		Osgood, Charles S.
Cook, Horace.		Owen, Harvey M.
Cook, John H.		Parker, George G.
Daniels, George F.		Partridge, David A.
Dean, Dallas J.		Paul, Joseph F.
Doane, Freeman.		Pierce, Edward L.
Estabrook, Adin C.		Pillsbury, Albert E.
Evans, Alonzo H.		Pope, Charles G.
Fish, William W.		Putnam, Henry W.
Foque, Theodore N.		Read, Charles H.
Freeto, John.		Rice, Charles B.
Gargan, Thomas J.		Richmond, Jonathan C.
Gibbons, John M.		Robinson, Wallace F.
Gilmore, Onslow.		Root, Joseph H.
Hall, Andrew.		Ropes, Joseph S.
Hannum, Leander M.		Russell, Solomon N.
Hapgood, Lyman S.		Rust, Nathaniel J.
Hartwell, James D.		Sandford, Addison.
Haskell, George.		Sawin, Samuel D.
Hawkes, Nathan M.		Sawyer, Ebenezer.
Hicks, Samuel D.		Sawyer, Enoch.
Holmes, Henry T.		Sherman, Elon.
Hunt, Jonas S.		Sleeper, Solomon S.
Jenks, Thomas L.		Small, Isaiah A.
Jones, Jesse H.		Smith, Andrew.
Keith, Ambrose.		Smith, Newton.
Keith, Isaac N.		Smith, Robert D.

Messrs. Smith, Webster.
Snow, Samuel.
Spaulding, Mark H.
Stevens, James T.
Stone, Frederick M.
Swett, Noah.
Talbot, Samuel, Jr.
Truell, Byron.
Tuttle, Henry G.
Van Densen, William I.
Wade, Levi C.
Wadsworth, Alexander.
Walden, Edwin.

Messrs. Warren, Alonzo.
Washburn, John D.
Waterman, Eleazer E.
Wellington, Austin C.
Wetherbee, John.
Wetherell, John W.
White, James.
Whitney, Edward.
Williams, Moses, Jr.
Wing, Daniel.
Winship, Thomas.
Woods, William.
Woodward, James C.

NAYS.

Messrs. Abbe, James.
Atkinson, Michael.
Babson, John J.
Bailey, Daniel D.
Barker, Giles G.
Batchelor, Benjamin S.
Bird, Warren P.
Bradley, Osgood, Jr.
Bryant, Orrin.
Buckminster, Joseph.
Capron, Charles C.
Cordis, Thomas F.
Crocker, Elisha, Jr.
Curtiss, Albert W.
Danforth, Charles H.
Dean, Herbert A.
Downer, Francis E.
Fairbanks, George O.
Gardner, Charles L.
Gifford, Benjamin.
Granger, George W.
Hale, Charles.
Hathaway, Frederick.
Hathaway, Isaac N.
Hawks, Alanson K.
Heywood, Samuel R.
Hill, Henry B.
Hill, Joseph W.
Hoffman, Ira W.
Holley, Richard.
Howland, Weston.
Huse, Caleb B.

Messrs. Kirtland, Edwin L.
Knowlton, Henry C.
Knowlton, Hosea M.
Loud, Charles A.
McCafferty, Matthew J.
Merritt, Christopher C.
Miner, Henry S.
Morissey, John.
Nelson, Sherman.
Noonan, Daniel.
Norton, John B.
Osborn, Weaver.
Perry, George R.
Pew, Charles H., 2d.
Prouty, David.
Read, Washington.
Reed, George R.
Reed, George W.
Reynolds, Rice M.
Richards, Charles W.
Shattuck, Calvin W.
Slade, Albion K.
Taylor, Charles A.
Taylor, Oliver.
Thayer, Davis, Jr.
Ward, Alanson W.
Watts, William.
Whicher, John D.
White, Benjamin.
White, Joseph W.
Wilson, George C.
Winslow, Isaac.

Yeas, 118; nays, 64.

At 5.03, adjourned.

SATURDAY, April 15, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Papers from the Senate.

Notice was received from the Senate of the rejection by that branch of the following House bills :

Bills.

In addition to an Act entitled an Act to regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors ;

To authorize certain proceedings with reference to the old village burying-ground in the town of West Stockbridge ; and

To abolish the office of overseers of houses of correction.

Secretary of the Commonwealth.

The House Bill to fix the salary of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and of the persons employed in the Secretary's department, was returned from the Senate with a further amendment, which was referred under the rule to the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures, pending the recurring question on concurring in the Senate amendments previously reported on by the committee.

Motion to Reconsider.

Mr. Clapp of Framingham moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the report of the committee appointed to investigate charges made by Hon. Moses Kimball of Boston was yesterday indefinitely postponed. The motion was lost.

Bill Enacted.

Bill enacted.

An engrossed Bill to regulate lying-in hospitals (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Resolves passed.

Engrossed resolves :

In favor of Samuel Easter of Boston ; and

In favor of F. F. Follansbee of Boston ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Discharged from the Orders.

Danvers Lunatic Hospital.

On motion of Mr. Churchill of Boston, the Bill in further addition to an Act to establish a hospital for the insane in

the north-eastern part of the Commonwealth was discharged from the orders of the day. The bill was read, and pending the question on ordering it to a third reading, was restored to its place in the orders on motion of Mr. Jones of Abington.

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Bills :

To confirm the deed of assignment of George White, acting judge of the court of insolvency, to Walter N. Mason and Edward A. Hunting, assignees of the estate of Charles J. Power, insolvent debtor ;

To fix the salary of the clerk of the Second District Court of Bristol ; and

Relating to the punishment of bank, safe and vault robbery ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill in relation to towns and cities subscribing to the stock and securities of railroad corporations was further considered and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To abolish trials by jury in municipal, district and police courts, and before justices of the peace ; and

Establishing the salary of the clerks and messenger in the Surgeon-General's department ; and

Resolves :

Providing for the stereotyping, printing, binding and distribution of the decennial census and statistics of industry (amended on motions of Messrs. Hale and Noonan of Boston) ; and

Providing for repairs on the State House ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Resolve authorizing the appointment of a commission to inquire into the expediency of revising the judicial system of the State was read, amended on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, passed to be engrossed in concurrence, and sent up for concurrence in the amendments.

The report of the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, reference to the next General Court, on the estimates of the trustees of the lunatic hospital at Worcester, and so much of the Governor's address as relates to the same subject, was considered. After debate, on

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day.

motion of Mr. Pierce of Milton, further consideration of the report was postponed, and it was ordered to be placed in the calendar next after the Bill in further addition to an Act to establish a hospital for the insane in the north-eastern part of the Commonwealth.

The Resolve providing for estimates for a scientific survey of the State was read, the question being on its engrossment; and pending an amendment moved by Mr. Jones of Abington, the House,

At 1.18, adjourned.

MONDAY, April 17, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Paper from the Senate.

State directors
Boston &
Albany Rail-
road.

The House Order relative to choice of directors of the Boston and Albany Railroad came down adopted in concurrence, in a new draft, as follows:—

Ordered, That Tuesday, April 18, at 3 o'clock, P. M., be assigned for a convention of both branches for the purpose of choosing three directors on the part of the Commonwealth of the Boston and Albany Railroad Corporation for the term of two years.

On motion of Mr. Williams of Brookline, the order was laid on the table.

Motion to Reconsider.

Jury trials.

Mr. Knowlton of New Bedford moved to reconsider the vote by which the Bill to abolish trials by jury in municipal, district and police courts, and before justices of the peace, was passed to be engrossed on Saturday. The House refused to reconsider.

Reports of a Committee.

James D. Black.

By Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, from the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to addressing His Excellency the Governor for the removal from office of James D. Black, a justice of the peace, etc. Read and accepted under suspension of the rule.

By Mr. Pierce of Milton, from the same committee, to whom were referred the Senate amendments to the House Bill to authorize in certain cases the mortgage of real estate held in trust, that the House should concur in the amendment at [A], with an amendment, and should non-concur in the amendment at [B].

Mortgages of trust estates.

Under suspension of the rule, the matter was at once considered, and the action recommended by the committee was taken by the House. Sent up for concurrence in the amendment to the Senate amendment.

Bills Enacted.

Engrossed bills :

Bills enacted.

In addition to an Act to regulate the fishery in the Agawam and Half-Way Pond rivers ; and

To amend section 16 of chapter 216 of the Acts of the year 1862, in relation to commitment of prisoners to lock-ups ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves :

Resolves passed.

In favor of William Pratt of Ashburnham ;

In favor of Edward Fisher of Boston ;

In favor of Joshua H. Eldridge of Boston ;

In favor of Edward M. Steimle of Boston ; and

In favor of Patrick Buckley of North Adams ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Taken from the Table.

On motion of Mr. Osgood of Salem, the Bill to divide the Commonwealth into districts for the choice of the Council. The same gentleman moved to amend by substituting a bill with the same title. On his further motion, the matter was again laid on the table, and the substitute bill ordered printed.

Council districts.

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The report of the committee on the Judiciary, on an Order relative to the removal of Abraham Jackson from the office of justice of the peace, with an address to the

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Governor, was accepted, and the address was adopted in the following form :—

To His Excellency Alexander H. Rice, *Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts*: The two houses of the Legislature respectfully request that your Excellency would be pleased, with the consent of the council, to remove Abraham Jackson from the office of a justice of the peace for the county of Suffolk.

Sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Railroads, stating the results of their investigation of the affairs of the Eastern Railroad Company, and that no special legislation is necessary or expedient on the orders and petition upon which they have made the investigation, was accepted in concurrence.

Bills :

To regulate the fisheries in Taunton Great River and Nemasket River; and

To fix the salary of the clerk of the Second District Court of Bristol;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill in relation to towns and cities subscribing to the stock and securities of railroad corporations was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Bill to establish the police court of the city of Newton was read and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to secure greater publicity and uniformity in the accounts of railroad corporations was further considered. The pending motions of Messrs. Pierce of Milton and Haskell of Ipswich, to amend by substituting bills, were lost, and the bill was ordered to a third reading.

The Resolve providing for estimates for a scientific survey of the State was further considered. The pending amendment, moved by Mr. Jones of Abington, was rejected, and the yeas and nays being ordered, on motion of Mr. Noble of Westfield, the resolve was rejected by a vote of 77 yeas to 83 nays, as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. Appell, J. Franklin.	Messrs. Bailey, Daniel D.
Atkinson, Michael.	Bartlett, Daniel W.
Ayer, Edwin.	Batchelor, Benjamin S.
Babson, John J.	Bird, Warren A.

Messrs. Capron, Charles C.
 Clapp, Frederick W.
 Clapp, Lafayette.
 Coburn, Edward.
 Cook, John H.
 Cordis, Thomas F.
 Crocker, Elisha, Jr.
 Daniels, George F.
 Doane, Freeman.
 Fairbanks, George O.
 Fisk, Luther.
 Fiske, Wesley L.
 Gardner, Charles L.
 Hale, Charles.
 Hannum, Leander M.
 Hawkes, Nathan M.
 Heywood, Samuel R.
 Holmes, Henry T.
 Hunt, Jonas S.
 Huse, Caleb B.
 Ingalls, Ephraim A.
 Keith, Ambrose.
 Keith, Isaac N.
 Kimball, Moses.
 Knapp, Joel.
 Knowles, John.
 Lindsey, Nathaniel E.
 McPherson, Eben'r M.
 Nelson, Sherman.
 Nichols, John B.
 Noonan, Daniel.
 Norton, John B.
 Osgood, Charles S.
 Paul, Joseph F.
 Phinney, Stephen C.

Messrs. Pierce, Edward L.
 Pillsbury, Albert E.
 Pope, Charles G.
 Putnam, Henry W.
 Reed, George W.
 Rice, Charles B.
 Rogers, Charles A.
 Ropes, Joseph S.
 Saunders, Amos J.
 Sawin, Samuel D.
 Sawyer, Ebenezer.
 Searle, John F.
 Sherman, Elon.
 Slade, Albion K.
 Sleeper, Solomon S.
 Smith, Andrew.
 Smith, Newton.
 Smith, Robert D.
 Swett, Jackson B.
 Swett, Noah.
 Taylor, Charles A.
 Tuttle, Henry G.
 Wadsworth, Alexander.
 Walden, Edwin.
 Washburn, John D.
 Webster, David L.
 Wetherbee, John.
 White, James.
 Whitney, Edward.
 Williams, Moses, Jr.
 Wilson, George C.
 Wing, Daniel.
 Winship, Thomas.
 Woods, William.

NAYS.

Messrs. Bartlett, James E. T.
 Bird, Warren P.
 Bowen, Francis C.
 Bradley, Osgood, Jr.
 Brownell, Lysander N.
 Buckminster, Joseph.
 Bugbee, Francis.
 Burr, Isaac T.
 Carney, Michael.
 Clark, John P.
 Cobb, John D.
 Coggsball, Henry F.

Messrs. Converse, Charles S.
 Danforth, Charles H.
 Dennis, Henry, Jr.
 Downer, Francis E.
 Fish, William W.
 Freeto, John.
 Garity, Thomas R.
 Gilmore, Onslow.
 Goodsell, Curtis B.
 Hall, Andrew.
 Hartt, Joseph T.
 Hartwell, James D.

Messrs. Haskell, George.	Messrs. Parker, Frederick.
Hathaway, Isaac N.	Partridge, David A.
Hill, Henry B.	Perry, George R.
Hill, Joseph W.	Pew, Charles H., 2d.
Hitchings, Otis M.	Preston, David A.
Hoffman, Ira W.	Read, Henry C.
Howe, George F.	Read, Washington.
Howland, Weston.	Robinson, Wallace F.
Jenks, Thomas L.	Rust, Nathaniel J.
Jones, Jesse H.	Sawyer, Enoch.
Kennedy, Patrick.	Shattuck, Elijah C.
Kimball, Ensign.	Small, Isaiah A.
Kingsbury, Joseph A.	Smith, Webster.
Knowlton, Henry C.	Snow, Samuel.
Lawrence, Daniel W.	Stevens, James T.
Longley, Samuel.	Sullivan, Michael.
Loud, Charles A.	Taylor, Oliver.
Mackintosh, James.	Thayer, Davis, Jr.
March, Andrus.	Truell, Byron.
Mayo, Edward F.	Van Deusen, William I.
McCafferty, Matthew J.	Warren, Alonzo.
Merritt, Christopher C.	Waterman, Eleazer E.
Merritt, George W.	Watts, William.
Morissey, John.	Wetherell, John W.
Morse, Elijah A.	Whicher, John D.
Moseley, Frederick P.	White, Benjamin.
Murphy, John J.	White, Joseph W.
Noble, Reuben.	Winslow, Isaac.
Nutter, Isaac N.	Woodward, James C.
Osborn, Weaver.	

Yeas, 77; nays, 83.

The Bill in relation to the Railroad Commissioners and their clerk was read a second time and considered.

Mr. Moseley of Boston moved to amend the report of the committee on Railroads accompanying the bill, so as to recommend the adoption of a resolution relating to the Railroad Commissioners, pending which motion, the main question being on ordering the bill to a third reading, the House,

At 5.38, adjourned.

TUESDAY, April 18, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

The following gentlemen were appointed on the part of the House on the committee to present to His Excellency the Governor an address for the removal of Abraham Jackson from the office of justice of the peace: Messrs. Kimball of Boston, Churchill of Boston, Hawkes of Lynn, Cobb of Dedham, and Gilmore of Stoneham.

Abraham Jackson.

Motions to Reconsider.

Mr. Rice of Danvers moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the House yesterday rejected the Resolve providing for estimates for a scientific survey of the State. The House refused to reconsider.

Scientific survey.

Mr. Hathaway of Taunton moved to reconsider the vote by which the Bill to regulate the fisheries in Taunton Great River and Nemasket River was yesterday passed to be engrossed. The motion prevailed, the bill was amended on motion of the same gentleman, and, pending the recurring question on its engrossment, was laid upon the table.

Taunton Great River.

Papers from the Senate.

The House bills :

Bills.

Concerning the adoption of children ; and

Relating to ward officers in the city of Boston ;

Came down severally passed to be engrossed in concurrence by the Senate, with amendments, which were referred under the rule to the committee on the Judiciary.

Bills :

Id.

In relation to the issue of bonds and other evidence of indebtedness by railroad corporations ;

To extend the time for completing the new State Prison ; and

In addition to an Act in relation to text-books in the public schools (being a new draft of the House bill of the same title) ;

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Reports of Committees.

Reports of the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures :

State Alms-
houses, etc.

By Mr. Partridge of Medway, that the House should concur in the Senate amendment to the House Resolve in relation to state almshouses, asylums and reformatory institutions ; and

Board of State
Charities.

That the House should non-concur in the Senate amendments to the House Bill relating to certain employes of the Board of State Charities ;

Were severally read and considered, under suspension of the rule, and the action recommended by the committee was taken by the House.

F. S. Munroe,
J. F. Dearing-
ton, F. B. Dyer.

By Mr. Washburn of Worcester, from the committee on the Judiciary, on an Order relative to removing from office Francis S. Munroe, Jr., John F. Dearington and Frank B. Dyer, justices of the peace :

Inexpedient to legislate, in the case of John F. Dearington ; with an

Address to the Governor for the removal from office of Francis S. Munroe, Jr., and with an

Address to the Governor for the removal from office of Frank B. Dyer. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Bills Enacted.

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills :

Concerning attachments ;

Concerning the printing of certain public documents ;

To punish illegal voting, and to secure the purity of elections ;

In addition to chapter 371 of the Acts of the year 1872, relating to the regulation and inspection of buildings in Boston ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;) and

To extend the time for applications for damages for land taken for the location of the Massachusetts Central Railroad ;

(Which originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Taken from the Table.

On motion of Mr. Parker of Milford, the report of the State aid. committee on Claims, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to equalizing the payment of state aid to disabled soldiers and their families. The same gentleman moved to amend the report by substituting a Bill authorizing payment of state aid to disabled soldiers and their families, and families of deceased soldiers, withdrawing a substitute bill previously offered by him.

On motion of the same gentleman, the Bill relating to re. state aid paid on account of children born after the death of the father.

The report and bill were placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question on the bill being on ordering to a third reading.

Discharged from the Orders.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, the Bill to set Medford and Malden. off a part of the town of Medford to the town of Malden was discharged from the orders of the day. The bill was read, amended on motion of Mr. Kimball, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

*Orders of the Day.***Bills :**

To confirm the deed of assignment of George White, acting judge of the court of insolvency, to Walter N. Mason and Edward A. Hunting, assignees of the estate of Charles J. Power, insolvent debtor ; and

To establish the police court of the city of Newton ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill in relation to the Railroad Commissioners and their clerk was further considered. On motion of Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, the yeas and nays were ordered on the pending motion of Mr. Moseley of Boston to amend the report of the committee on Railroads accompanying the bill so as to recommend the adoption of a Resolution relating to the Railroad Commissioners. The roll being called, the motion was lost by a vote of 53 yeas to 114 nays, as follows :—

Orders of the day.

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Reports of the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures :

State Almshouses, etc.

By Mr. Partridge of Medway, that the House should concur in the Senate amendment to the House Resolve in relation to state almshouses, asylums and reformatory institutions ; and

Board of State Charities.

That the House should non-concur in the Senate amendments to the House Bill relating to certain employes of the Board of State Charities ;

Were severally read and considered, under suspension of the rule, and the action recommended by the committee was taken by the House.

F. S. Munroe,
J. F. Dearington,
F. B. Dyer.

By Mr. Washburn of Worcester, from the committee on the Judiciary, on an Order relative to removing from office Francis S. Munroe, Jr., John F. Dearington and Frank B. Dyer, justices of the peace :

Inexpedient to legislate, in the case of John F. Dearington ; with an

Address to the Governor for the removal from office of Francis S. Munroe, Jr., and with an

Address to the Governor for the removal from office of Frank B. Dyer. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Bills Enacted.

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills :

Concerning attachments ;

Concerning the printing of certain public documents ;

To punish illegal voting, and to secure the purity of elections ;

In addition to chapter 371 of the Acts of the year 1872, relating to the regulation and inspection of buildings in Boston ;

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On motion of the same gentleman, the Bill relating to state aid paid on account of children born after the death of the father. no.

The report and bill were placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question on the bill being on ordering to a third reading.

Discharged from the Orders.

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Malden.

*Orders of the Day.***Bills :**

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To establish the police court of the city of Newton ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill in relation to the Railroad Commissioners and their clerk was further considered. On motion of Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, the yeas and nays were ordered on the pending motion of Mr. Moseley of Boston to amend the report of the committee on Railroads accompanying the bill so as to recommend the adoption of a Resolution relating to the Railroad Commissioners. The roll being called, the motion was lost by a vote of 53 yeas to 114 nays, as follows :—

*Orders of the
day.*

YEAS.

Messrs. Alley, William A.
 Bailey, Daniel D.
 Barry, Patrick.
 Bartlett, James E. T.
 Bird, Warren P.
 Bowen, Francis C.
 Brownell, Lysander N.
 Buckminster, Joseph.
 Churchill, Gardner A.
 Clark, John P.
 Crocker, Elisha, Jr.
 Danforth, Charles H.
 Estabrook, Adin C.
 Fish, William W.
 Gleason, Samuel S.
 Hawkes, Nathan M.
 Hawks, Alanson K.
 Hill, Henry B.
 Hoffman, Ira W.
 Holmes, Henry T.
 Ingalls, Ephraim A.
 Jenks, Thomas L.
 Keith, Ambrose.
 King, William S.
 Kingsbury, Joseph A.
 Longley, Samuel.
 Loud, Charles A.

Messrs. Mann, Seth, 2d.
 Mayo, Edward F.
 McCafferty, Matthew J.
 McPherson, Eben'r M.
 Merritt, George W.
 Miner, Henry S.
 Moseley, Frederick P.
 Murphy, John J.
 Parker, Frederick.
 Paul, Joseph F.
 Phinney, Stephen C.
 Pierce, Edward L.
 Pillsbury, Albert E.
 Prouty, David.
 Richmond, Jonathan C.
 Shattuck, Calvin W.
 Shattuck, Elijah C.
 Supple, James F.
 Tuttle, Henry G.
 Ward, Alanson W.
 Warren, Alonzo.
 Washburn, John D.
 Watts, William.
 Webster, David L.
 Winslow, Isaac.
 Woodward, James C.

NAYS.

Messrs. Abbe, James.
 Allen, Stillman B.
 Atkinson, Michael.
 Ayer, Edwin.
 Babson, John J.
 Ballou, Monroe E.
 Bartlett, Daniel W.
 Batchelor, Benjamin S.
 Bates, Eliakim A.
 Burr, Isaac T.
 Capron, Charles C.
 Carney, Michael.
 Clapp, Frederick W.
 Clapp, Lafayette.
 Cobb, John D.
 Coburn, Edward.
 Coggshall, Henry F.
 Converse, Charles S.
 Cook, Horace.

Messrs. Cook, John H.
 Cordis, Thomas F.
 Daniels, George F.
 Dean, Dallas J.
 Dean, Herbert A.
 Fairbanks, George O.
 Fisk, Luther.
 Fiske, Wesley L.
 Foque, Theodore N.
 Freeto, John.
 Gibbons, John M.
 Goodsell, Curtis B.
 Hale, Charles.
 Hall, Andrew.
 Hannum, Leander M.
 Hapgood, Lyman S.
 Hartwell, James D.
 Hathaway, Isaac N.
 Heywood, Samuel R.

Messrs. Hicks, Samuel D.	Messrs. Richards, Charles W.
Hill, John B.	Root, Joseph H.
Hill, Joseph W.	Ropes, Joseph S.
Howe, George F.	Russell, Solomon N.
Howland, Weston.	Sawin, Samuel D.
Keith, Isaac N.	Searle, John F.
Keith, Monroe.	Seymour, Stephen E.
Kellogg, Ensign H.	Slade, Albion K.
Kennedy, Patrick.	Sleeper, Solomon S.
Kimball, Moses.	Small, Isaiah A.
Kirtland, Edwin L.	Smith, Andrew.
Knapp, Joel.	Smith, Newton.
Knowles, John.	Snow, Samuel
Knowlton, Henry C.	Spaulding, Mark H.
Lawrence, Daniel W.	Stacey, Benjamin F.
Lee, Henry.	Stevens, James T.
Lindsey, Nathaniel E.	Stone, Frederick M.
Mackintosh, James.	Swett, Jackson B.
Merritt, Christopher C.	Swett, Noah.
Morrissey, John.	Taylor, Charles A.
Morrill, George W.	Taylor, Oliver.
Morse, William.	Thayer, Davis, Jr.
Nelson, Sherman.	Truell, Byron.
Noble, Reuben.	Van Deusen, William I.
Norton, John B.	Wade, Levi C.
Nourse, B. Alden.	Wadsworth, Alexander.
Osborn, Weaver.	Waterman, Eleazer E.
Osgood, Charles S.	Wetherbee, John.
Owen, Harvey M.	Wetherell, John W.
Partridge, David A.	White, Benjamin.
Perry, George R.	White, James.
Pew, Charles H., 2d.	White, Joseph W.
Read, Charles H.	Whitney, Edward.
Read, Washington.	Williams, Moses, Jr.
Reed, George R.	Wilson, George C.
Reed, George W.	Wilson, John G.
Reynolds, Rice M.	Wing, Daniel.
Rice, Charles B.	Wood, Elipház H.

Yeas, 53 ; nays, 114.

The bill was then ordered to a third reading.

The Bill authorizing certain railroad corporations to hold stock in the Union Freight Railway Company was read and considered. An amendment moved by Mr. Williams of Brookline was adopted, and the bill as amended was ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to amend section 165 of chapter 372 of the Acts of the year 1874, relating to connecting railroads,

was read and considered. On motion of Mr. Hale of Boston the bill was amended by striking out all after the enacting clause, and substituting therefor the several sections of the House Bill in relation to connecting railroads. Passed to be engrossed in concurrence as amended, and sent up for concurrence in the amendment.

The Bill relating to a public common in the town of Mattapoisett, and to amend chapter 250 of the Acts of the year 1872 was read and considered. Mr. Howland of Mattapoisett moved to amend by substituting a Bill repealing an act entitled an Act to provide for the laying out of a public common in the town of Mattapoisett. The motion prevailed, and the bill as amended was ordered to a third reading.

The Resolve in favor of the State Normal Art-School was read a third time and considered. Amendments were moved by Messrs. J. W. Hill of Boston and Wilson of Taunton. The previous question was ordered on motion of Mr. Barry of Boston, and the question being put on an amendment moved by Mr. Wilson, it was adopted. Mr. Hale of Boston raised the point that a quorum had not voted, and called for a count of the House, which being had, showed that but 91 members were present. Pending the verification of the vote on Mr. Wilson's amendment, and the further amendment moved, the main question being on the engrossment of the resolve, the House,

At 5.25, adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, April 19, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Papers from the Senate.

Railroad re-
turns.

A Bill concerning the verification of railroad and street railway returns, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

Pawnbrokers.

A Bill relating to pawnbrokers, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The House Bill to establish the salaries of the Adjutant-General and the several employes in the Adjutant-General's department came down passed to be engrossed in concurrence, with an amendment, which was referred, under the rule, to the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures.

Adjutant-General's Department—salaries.

The House Bill to provide for the appointment of a clerk in the probate office of the county of Suffolk came down passed to be engrossed in concurrence, with an amendment, which was referred, under the rule; to the committee on Probate and Chancery.

Suffolk County probate office.

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Seymour of Springfield, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, to whom was referred the Senate Bill relating to the appointment of special administrators, that the same ought to pass in a new draft, with the same title. Read, and ordered to a second reading.

Special administrators.

Bills Enacted.

Engrossed bills:

Bills enacted.

To alter the limits of Fire District No. 1 in the town of South Hadley; and

To divide the Commonwealth into forty districts for the choice of Senators;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Taken from the Table.

On motion of Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, the Bill to divide the Commonwealth into districts for the choice of the Council was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on engrossment.

Council districts.

Discharged from the Orders.

On motion of Mr. King of Boston, the report of the committee on Claims, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to equalizing the payment of state aid to disabled soldiers and their families; and the

State aid.

Bill relating to state aid paid on account of children born after the death of the father;

Were severally discharged from the orders of the day and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, on an Order relative to the removal from office of certain justices of the peace, inexpedient to legislate, in the case of John F. Dearington, was accepted. Addresses to the Governor for the removal of Francis S. Munroe, Jr., and Frank B. Dyer, were severally agreed to as follows, and sent up for concurrence :—

To His Excellency Alexander H. Rice, *Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts*: The two houses of the Legislature respectfully request that your Excellency would be pleased, with the consent of the Council, to remove Francis S. Munroe, Jr., from the office of justice of the peace for the county of Norfolk.

To His Excellency Alexander H. Rice, *Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts*: The two houses of the Legislature respectfully request that your Excellency would be pleased, with the consent of the Council, to remove Frank B. Dyer from the office of justice of the peace for the county of Suffolk.

The following gentlemen were appointed on the part of the House on the committee to present the address in the case of Francis S. Munroe, Jr.: Messrs. Washburn of Worcester, Fisk of Dennis, Daniels of Oxford, Stevens of Braintree, and Appell of Boston.

The following were appointed on the similar committee in the case of Frank B. Dyer: Messrs Pillsbury and Jenks of Boston, Capron of Uxbridge, Wetherbee of Warren, and Sherman of Weymouth.

The report of the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures, leave to withdraw, on so much of the petition of James M. Morton and others for increase of the salaries of the justice and clerk of the Second District Court of Bristol as relates to the salary of the justice was accepted, a motion by Mr. Fairbanks of Fall River to amend by substituting a bill being lost.

Bills:

To establish the polls and estates of the several cities and towns in the Commonwealth;

To fix the compensation of the Lieutenant-Governor and Council and employes of the executive department

(amended as recommended by the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures);

In relation to the inspection of factories and public buildings, and for other purposes;

Concerning the water supply of cities and towns (amended on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston); and

In relation to the issue of bonds and other evidence of indebtedness by railroad corporations; and the

Resolve in aid of the Massachusetts Agricultural College;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

To provide for the appointment of an additional commissioner of savings banks; and

In relation to the Railroad Commissioners and their clerk;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Resolve in favor of the State Normal Art-School was further considered. A verification of the vote of yesterday, on the amendment offered by Mr. Wilson of Taunton, was had, and the amendment was adopted. The pending amendment, moved by Mr. J. W. Hill of Boston, was lost, and the resolve was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to reorganize the charitable and correctional work of the Commonwealth was read, amended on motion of Mr. Churchill of Boston, and rejected.

The Bill to amend the General Statutes, relative to the descent and distribution of real and personal property, was read, amended on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, passed to be engrossed as amended, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill in further addition to an Act to establish a hospital for the insane in the north-eastern part of the Commonwealth was further considered and ordered to a third reading.

The report of the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, reference to the next General Court, on the estimates of the trustees of the lunatic hospital at Worcester, and so much of the Governor's address as relates to the same subject, was considered. Mr. Kimball of Boston moved to amend by substituting a Bill to authorize further expenditures for the completion of the new hospital for the

insane at Worcester, and providing for the same. The motion prevailed, and the bill was ordered to a second reading, under suspension of the 42d rule.

The Bill providing for the support of pupils admitted under the designation of the Governor to the Massachusetts School for Idiotic and Feeble-minded Youth was rejected, as recommended by the committee on Finance.

The Bill to regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors was read, and its further consideration was postponed until to-morrow, on motion of Mr. Gargan of Boston, and proposed amendments were ordered to be printed.

The motion of Mr. Hale of Boston to reconsider the vote by which the Bill regulating costs on trustee process in which wages are attached was rejected, was lost.

At 5.40, adjourned.

THURSDAY, April 20, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Order.

On motion of Mr. J. W. Hill of Boston,—

Two legislative sessions.

Ordered, That to-day and hereafter each session of the House be considered a legislative day.

Papers from the Senate.

State directors
Boston and
Albany Rail-
road.

The report of the committee on Railroads, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the communication of the Attorney-General relative to a vacancy in the state directorship of the Boston and Albany Railroad, and recommending its reference to a joint special committee to consist of the members of the Judiciary committees of the two branches, accepted by the Senate, was read and considered under suspension of the rule. The report was accepted in concurrence.

Salaries Board
of State
Charities.

The House Bill relating to certain employes of the Board of State Charities, in the Senate amendments to which the House non-concurred, came down with the indorsement that the Senate insisted on its amendments.

On motion of Mr. Miner of Phillipston the House insisted on its non-concurrence, and the bill was returned to the Senate with an indorsement to that effect.

The House Bill to authorize in certain cases the mortgage of real estate held in trust, in the Senate amendment to which at [A] the House concurred, with an amendment, non-concurring in the further amendment at [B], came down with the indorsement that the Senate concurred in the House substitute for the amendment at [A], and insisted on its amendment at [B]. On motion of Mr. Hale of Boston the House insisted on its non-concurrence in the latter amendment, and asked for a committee of conference. Messrs. Pierce of Milton, Hale of Boston, and Washburn of Worcester were appointed on its part, and the bill was returned to the Senate with an indorsement to that effect.

Mortgages of
trust estate.

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Gardner of Palmer, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Senate Bill ratifying the election of town officers in the town of Chesterfield in the year 1876 ought to pass. The report was read, and on motion of Mr. Pierce of Milton the rules were suspended and the bill took its several readings at once, and was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Chesterfield.

Taken from the Table.

On motion of Mr. Churchill of Boston, the Bill for the supply of water to the state hospital for the insane in Danvers was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for this afternoon.

Danvers Lunatic
Hospital.

On motion of Mr. Keith of Bridgewater, the Bill to regulate the fisheries in Taunton Great River and Nemasket River was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for this afternoon.

Taunton Great
River.

The question in each case recurred on engrossment, the House having reconsidered the previous vote on each bill.

Orders of the Day.

Bills :

Relating to the support of persons committed to the State Industrial School and the State Reform School ; and
Concerning the verification of railroad and street railway returns ;

Orders of the
day.

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

Repealing an act entitled an Act to provide for the laying out of a public common in the town of Mattapoissett; and

To establish the polls and estates of the several cities and towns in the Commonwealth;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

In relation to the issue of bonds and other evidences of indebtedness by railroad corporations;

To fix the compensation of the Lieutenant-Governor and Council and employés of the executive department; and

To secure greater publicity and uniformity in the accounts of railroad corporations;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Bill to regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors was further considered. Amendments moved by Messrs. Gargan, Carney and Jenks of Boston, Nutter of East Bridgewater, Cobb of Dedham, Curtiss of Sheffield, and Gardner of Palmer were severally adopted, and the bill as amended was ordered to a third reading.

The motion of Mr. Thayer of Franklin to suspend the 20th joint rule on a petition of the selectmen of Franklin for an Act to authorize said town to raise money for celebrating its centennial anniversary, etc., was laid on the table on motion of Mr. Perry of Norton.

The consideration of the report of the committee on the petition of Edward Crane and others, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Edward Crane and associates for an Act of incorporation as the Boston and Chicago Railway Trust Company, and a petition in aid of the same, was postponed until to-morrow forenoon, on motion of Mr. Morissey of Plymouth.

The Bill to incorporate the Springfield Safe Deposit and Trust Company was considered. The pending motion of Mr. Evans of Everett to amend by substituting a new bill with the same title was carried, and the bill as amended was ordered to a third reading.

The Bill relating to the punishment of bank, safe and vault robbery was read and considered. Pending amendments moved by Messrs. Pillsbury of Boston and Pierce

of Milton, the main question being on the engrossment of the bill, the House,

At 1 o'clock, adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Paper from the Senate.

The House Bill to reduce the expenses and increase the efficiency of the militia came down passed to be engrossed ^{Militia.} in concurrence, with amendments. On motion of Mr. King of Boston, the House non-concurred in the amendments, and the bill was returned to the Senate with an indorsement to that effect.

The bill subsequently came down with the indorsement that the Senate insisted on its amendments, and asked for a committee of conference, Messrs. Fiske, Davis of Essex, and Dacey being appointed on its part. The House assented to the request, and Messrs. Wade of Newton, Churchill of Boston, and Holmes of Chelsea were joined on its part.

Reports of a Committee.

By Mr. Hale of Boston, from the committee on the ^{Elections.} Judiciary, to whom were referred the Senate amendments to the House Bill in addition to an Act relating to elections, that the House should concur in the amendments, with an amendment to the amendment at [A].

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, to ^{Trespassers.} whom were referred the Senate amendments to the House Bill to secure land from trespassers, that the House should non-concur in the amendments at [A] and [B], and should concur in the amendment at [C].

Severally read, and, on motion of Mr. Hale, considered under suspension of the rule; and the action recommended by the committee was taken by the House in each case.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, to ^{Boston municipal courts.} whom were referred the Senate amendments to the House Bill relating to the several municipal courts of the city of Boston, that the House should non-concur in the amendments, and ask for a committee of conference; also (on the same amendments) a Bill in addition to section 4 of chapter 112 of the General Statutes, relating to the ^{Clerks of courts.} removal of clerks of courts.

Read and considered under a suspension of the rule. The House voted to non-concur in the amendments, and Messrs. Hale and Morse of Boston, and Walden of Lynn were appointed on the part of the House on a committee of conference; and the bill was returned to the Senate indorsed accordingly. The bill reported by the committee was read and ordered to a second reading.

Communication.

State aid.

A communication was received, in response to an Order of the House, of February 10, from the Attorney-General, Adjutant-General, and Auditor, with a codification of the statutes now in force relating to state aid. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Bills Enacted.

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills :

To provide for the removal of wills from probate courts in certain cases ;

To confirm the marriage of James Parton and Ellen Willis Eldredge ;

To incorporate the New England Guard of the city of Boston ; and

To regulate the execution of capital sentences ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Resolves passed.

Engrossed resolves :

In relation to state almshouses, asylums, and reformatory institutions ; and

Granting aid to pupils in the state normal schools ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

Bills :

In addition to an Act in relation to text-books in the public schools (amended on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston) ;

To extend the time for completing the new State Prison ; and

Relating to the appointment of special administrators (amended on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston);

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to regulate the fisheries in Taunton Great River and Nemasket River; and the

Resolve in aid of the Massachusetts Agricultural College;

Were severally passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence, the latter being read a third time.

Bills:

In relation to the inspection of factories and public buildings, and for other purposes;

Concerning the verification of railroad and street railway returns; and

Relating to the support of persons committed to the State Industrial School and the State Reform School;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Bill relating to the punishment of bank, safe and vault robbery was further considered. The pending amendments moved by Messrs. Pillsbury of Boston, and Pierce of Milton were adopted, and the bill as amended was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill authorizing certain railroad corporations to hold stock in the Union Freight Railway Company was read and considered. The yeas and nays being ordered on motion of Mr. Heywood of Worcester, the House refused to pass the bill to engrossment by a vote of 80 yeas to 88 nays, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Abbe, James.

Atkinson, Michael.

Ballou, Monroe E.

Batchelor, Benjamin S.

Bird, Warren P.

Buckminster, Joseph.

Clark, John P.

Cobb, John D.

Coburn, Edward.

Cook, Horace.

Cordis, Thomas F.

Dean, Dallas J.

Doane, Freeman.

Fairbanks, George O.

Messrs. Fisk, Luther.

Fuller, Henry W.

Garity, Thomas R.

Gibbons, John M.

Goodsell, Curtis B.

Granger, George W.

Hale, Charles.

Hannum, Leander M.

Hartt, Joseph T.

Hathaway, Frederick.

Hill, Henry B.

Hill, Joseph W.

Holley, Richard.

Howland, Weston.

Messrs. Keith, Ambrose.

Keith, Monroe.
 Kimball, Ensign.
 King, William S.
 Knapp, Joel.
 Knowlton, Hosea M.
 Lawrence, Daniel W.
 Lee, Henry.
 Mann, Seth, 2d.
 Merritt, Christopher C.
 Morissey, John.
 Murphy, John J.
 Noble, Reuben.
 Nutter, Isaac N.
 Osborn, Weaver.
 Osgood, Charles S.
 Owen, Harvey M.
 Perry, George R.
 Pierce, Edward L.
 Preston, David A.
 Putnam, Henry W.
 Read, Charles H.
 Reed, George R.
 Rice, Charles B.
 Ropes, Joseph S.
 Russell, Solomon N.

Messrs. Saunders, Amos J.

Sawin, Samuel D.
 Sherman, Elon.
 Slade, Albion K.
 Sleeper, Solomon S.
 Small, Isaiah A.
 Smith, Robert D.
 Snow, Samuel.
 Southwick, John R.
 Spaulding, Mark H.
 Stevens, James T.
 Stone, Frederick M.
 Swett, Jackson B.
 Swett, Noah.
 Wadsworth, Alexander.
 Walden, Edwin.
 Waterman, Eleazer E.
 Watts, William.
 Whicher, John D.
 White, James.
 White, Joseph W.
 Williams, Moses, Jr.
 Wilson, Geo. C.
 Wilson, John G.
 Wing, Daniel.
 Woods, William.

NATS.**Messrs. Alley, William A.**

Appell, J. Franklin.
 Ayer, Edwin.
 Babson, John J.
 Barry, Patrick.
 Bartlett, James E. T.
 Bates, Eliakim A.
 Bowen, Francis C.
 Breed, Amos F.
 Brownell, Lysander N.
 Bryant, Orrin.
 Bugbee, Francis.
 Burr, Isaac T.
 Carney, Michael.
 Chase, Frederick T.
 Churchill, Gardner A.
 Clapp, Lafayette.
 Coggshall, Henry F.
 Converse, Charles S.
 Cook, John H.
 Danforth, Charles H.
 Daniels, George F.

Messrs. Dennis, Henry, Jr.

Downer, Francis E.
 Estabrook, Adin C.
 Foque, Theodore N.
 Freeto, John.
 Fuller, Charles.
 Gardner, Charles L.
 Gilmore, Onslow.
 Gleason, Samuel S.
 Hall, Andrew.
 Hapgood, Lyman S.
 Hawks, Alanson K.
 Heywood, Samuel R.
 Hill, John B.
 Hitchings, Otis M.
 Holmes, Henry T.
 Hunt, Jonas S.
 Huse, Caleb B.
 Jenks, Thomas L.
 Kellogg, Ensign H.
 Kimball, Moses.
 Kingsbury, Joseph A.

Messrs. Kirtland, Edwin L.	Messrs. Root, Joseph H.
Longley, Samuel.	Rust, Nathaniel J.
Mackintosh, James.	Sawyer, Ebenezer.
March, Andrus.	Searle, John F.
McCafferty, Matthew J.	Seymour, Stephen E.
McPherson, Eben'r M.	Shattuck, Calvin W.
Miner, Henry S.	Shattuck, Elijah C.
Morse, Elijah A.	Smith, Andrew.
Morse, William.	Smith, Newton.
Noonan, Daniel.	Stacey, Benjamin F.
Norton, John B.	Supple, James F.
Nourse, B. Alden.	Talbot, Samuel, Jr.
Parker, Frederick.	Taylor, Oliver.
Partridge, David A.	Truell, Byron.
Pew, Charles H., 2d.	Tuttle, Henry G.
Pillsbury, Albert E.	Wade, Levi C.
Prouty, David.	Warren, Alonzo.
Reynolds, Rice M.	Wetherell, John W.
Richards, Charles W.	Whitney, Edward.
Richmond, Jonathan C.	Winship Thomas.
Robinson, Wallace F.	Wood, Eliphaz H.
Rogers, Charles A.	Woodward, James C.

Yeas, 80 ; nays, 88.

Subsequently, the orders of the day being laid on the table, Mr. Williams of Brookline moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the bill was rejected ; and, the yeas and nays being ordered on motion of Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, the motion to reconsider was carried by a vote of 85 yeas to 79 nays, as follows :—

Union Freight
Railway.

YEAS.

Messrs. Abbe, James.	Messrs. Dean, Dallas J.
Appell, J. Franklin.	Doane, Freeman.
Atkinson, Michael.	Fairbanks, George O.
Bailey, Daniel D.	Fisk, Luther.
Ballou, Monroe E.	Fuller, Henry W.
Bartlett, Daniel W.	Gardner, Charles L.
Batchelor, Benjamin S.	Garity, Thomas R.
Bird, Warren A.	Gibbons, John M.
Bird, Warren P.	Goodsell, Curtis B.
Buckminster, Joseph.	Granger, George W.
Clark, John P.	Hale, Charles.
Cobb, John D.	Hannum, Leander M.
Coburn, Edward.	Hartt, Joseph T.
Cook, Horace.	Hathaway, Frederick.
Cordis, Thomas F.	Hill, Henry B.
Curtiss, Albert W.	Holley, Richard.

Messrs. Howland, Weston.

Keith, Ambrose.
 Keith, Monroe.
 Kimball, Ensign.
 King, William S.
 Kirtland Edwin L.
 Knapp, Joel.
 Knowlton, Hosea M.
 Lawrence, Daniel W.
 Lee, Henry.
 Lindsey, Nathaniel E.
 Mann, Seth, 2d.
 Merritt, George W.
 Morissey, John.
 Murphy, John J.
 Noble, Reuben.
 Nutter, Isaac N.
 Osborn, Weaver.
 Osgood, Charles S.
 Owen, Harvey M.
 Perry, George R.
 Pierce, Edward L.
 Preston, David A.
 Read, Charles H.
 Reed, George R.
 Rice, Charles B.
 Russell, Solomon N.

Messrs. Sherman, Elon.

Slade, Albion K.
 Sleeper, Solomon S.
 Small, Isaiah A.
 Smith, Robert D.
 Snow, Samuel.
 Southwick, John R.
 Spaulding, Mark H.
 Stevens, James T.
 Stone, Frederick M.
 Sullivan, Michael.
 Swett, Jackson B.
 Swett, Noah.
 Wadsworth, Alexander.
 Walden, Edwin.
 Wallace, William S.
 Watts, William.
 Wetherbee, John.
 Whicher, John D.
 White, Benjamin.
 White, James.
 Williams, Moses, Jr.
 Wilson, George C.
 Wilson, John G.
 Wing, Daniel.
 Winship, Thomas.

NAYS.**Messrs. Alley, William A.**

Ayer, Edwin.
 Babson, John J.
 Barry, Patrick.
 Bartlett, James E. T.
 Bowen, Francis C.
 Breed, Amos F.
 Brownell, Lysander N.
 Bryant, Orrin.
 Bugbee, Francis.
 Burr, Isaac T.
 Carney, Michael.
 Churchill, Gardner A.
 Clapp, Lafayette.
 Coggs, Henry F.
 Cook, John H.
 Danforth, Charles H.
 Daniels, George F.
 Dennis, Henry, Jr.
 Downer, Francis E.
 Estabrook, Adin C.

Messrs. Evans, Alonzo H.

Fish, William W.
 Foque, Theodore N.
 Freeto, John.
 Fuller, Charles.
 Gilmore, Onslow.
 Gleason, Samuel S.
 Hall, Andrew.
 Hapgood, Lyman S.
 Hawks, Alanson K.
 Heywood, Samuel R.
 Hill, John B.
 Hitchings, Otis M.
 Holmes, Henry T.
 Hunt, Jonas S.
 Huse, Caleb B.
 Jenks, Thomas L.
 Kellogg, Ensign H.
 Kimball, Moses.
 Kingsbury, Joseph A.
 Longley, Samuel.

Messrs. Mackintosh, James.	Messrs. Rogers, Charles A.
March, Andrus.	Root, Joseph H.
McCafferty, Matthew J.	Sawyer, Ebenezer.
McPherson, Eben'r M.	Searle, John F.
Merritt, Christopher C.	Seymour, Stephen E.
Miner, Henry S.	Shattuck, Calvin W.
Morse, William.	Smith, Andrew.
Noonan, Daniel.	Smith, Newton.
Norton, John B.	Talbot, Samuel, Jr.
Nourse, B. Alden.	Taylor, Oliver.
Parker, Frederick.	Truell, Byron.
Partridge, David A.	Tuttle, Henry G.
Paul, Joseph F.	Wade, Levi C.
Pillsbury, Albert E.	Ward, Alanson W.
Pope, Charles G.	Warren, Alonzo.
Prouty, David.	Wetherell, John W.
Reynolds, Rice M.	Whitney, Edward.
Richmond, Jonathan C.	Woodward, James C.
Robinson, Wallace F.	

Yeas, 85 ; nays, 79.

Pending the recurring question on the engrossment of the bill, the House,

At 5.35, adjourned.

FRIDAY, April 21, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. Moseley of Boston,—

Voted, That when the House adjourns after the after-noon session, it be to meet on Monday next, at 11 o'clock, A. M. Adjournment.

Paper from the Senate.

The House Bill relating to certain employes of the Board of State Charities, in the Senate amendments to which the House non-concurred, and yesterday insisted on its non-concurrence, came down with the indorsement that the Senate insisted. On motion of Mr. Jones of Abington, the House insisted on its non-concurrence, and asked for a committee of conference; and Messrs. Nutter of East Bridgewater, H. B. Hill of Boston, and Converse of Salaries—State Charities.

Woburn were appointed on its part, and the bill was returned to the Senate indorsed accordingly.

Report of a Committee.

Pawnbrokers.

By Mr. Gardner of Palmer, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Senate Bill relating to pawnbrokers ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for a second reading this afternoon.

Bills Enacted.

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills :

In addition to section 38 of chapter 120 of the General Statutes, in relation to disturbances of the peace ;

To authorize the seizure, destruction or sale of intoxicating liquors exposed and kept for sale contrary to law ;

To make a further appropriation for the improvement of the Commonwealth Flats in Boston Harbor ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;) and

In relation to towns and cities subscribing to the stock and securities of railroad corporations ; and

To provide for the appointment of inspectors of provisions and animals intended for slaughter in cities and towns ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Discharged from the Orders.

Text-books.

On motion of Mr. Rice of Danvers, the Bill in addition to an Act in relation to text-books in the public schools was discharged from the orders of the day. The bill was read, amended on motion of the same gentleman, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

Bills :

To authorize further expenditures for the completion of the new hospital for the insane at Worcester, and providing for the same ; and

In addition to section 4 of chapter 112 of the General Statutes, relating to the removal of clerks of courts ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill relating to the appointment of special administrators was read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill authorizing certain railroad corporations to hold stock in the Union Freight Railway Company was further considered. The yeas and nays were ordered on the recurring question on engrossment, on motion of Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, and the bill was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence, the vote being 93 yeas to 92 nays, as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. Abbe, James.
 Amsden, Edwin.
 Atkinson, Michael.
 Bailey, Daniel D.
 Ballou, Monroe E.
 Barker, Giles G.
 Bartlett, Daniel W.
 Batchelor, Benjamin S.
 Bird, Warren A.
 Bird, Warren P.
 Buckminster, Joseph.
 Clapp, Frederick W.
 Clark, John P.
 Cobb, John D.
 Cook, Horace.
 Cordis, Thomas F.
 Dean, Dallas J.
 Dean, Herbert A.
 Doane, Freeman.
 Fairbanks, George O.
 Fuller, Henry W.
 Garity, Thomas R.
 Goodsell, Curtis B.
 Hale, Charles.
 Hannum, Leander M.
 Hartt, Joseph T.
 Hartwell, James D.
 Haskell, George.
 Hathaway, Frederick.
 Hathaway, Isaac N.
 Hawkes, Nathan M.
 Hill, Henry B.
 Hill, Joseph W.
 Howe, George F.
 Howland, Weston.
 Hunt, Jonas S.

Messrs. Keith, Ambrose.
 Keith, Monroe.
 Kendall, Edward.
 Kimball, Ensign.
 King, William S.
 Knapp, Joel.
 Lee, Henry.
 Lindsey, Nathaniel E.
 Mann, Seth, 2d.
 Merritt, Christopher C.
 Mitchell, Joseph, 2d.
 Morissey, John.
 Murphy, John J.
 Noble, Reuben.
 Nutter, Isaac N.
 Osborn, Weaver.
 Osgood, Charles S.
 Owen, Harvey M.
 Perry, George R.
 Pierce, Edward L.
 Preston, David A.
 Putnam, Henry W.
 Read, Charles H.
 Read, Washington.
 Reed, George R.
 Rice, Charles B.
 Ropes, Joseph S.
 Russell, Solomon N.
 Sawin, Samuel D.
 Sawyer, Enoch.
 Sherman, Elon.
 Slade, Albion K.
 Sleeper, Solomon S.
 Small, Isaiah A.
 Smith, Newton.
 Snow, Samuel.

Messrs. Southwick, John R.
Spaulding, Mark H.
Stevens, James T.
Stone, Frederick M.
Swett, Noah.
Van Deusen, William I.
Wadsworth, Alexander.
Waterman, Eleazer E.
Watts, William.
Wetherbee, John.
Whicher, John D.

Messrs. White, Benjamin.
White, James.
White, Joseph W.
Williams, Moses, Jr.
Wilson, George C.
Wilson, John G.
Wing, Daniel.
Winship, Thomas.
Winslow, Isaac.
Woods, William.

NAYS.

Messrs. Adams, Ebenezer.
Alley, William A.
Ayer, Edwin.
Babson, John J.
Barry, Patrick.
Bartlett, James E. T.
Bates, Eliakim A.
Bowen, Francis C.
Breed, Amos F.
Brownell, Lysander N.
Bugbee, Francis.
Burr, Isaac T.
Capron, Charles C.
Carney, Michael.
Churchill, Gardner A.
Clapp, Lafayette.
Coburn, Edward.
Coggeshall, Henry F.
Converse, Charles S.
Cook, John H.
Danforth, Charles H.
Daniels, George F.
Estabrook, Adin C.
Evans, Alonzo H.
Fish, William W.
Fiske, Wesley L.
Foque, Theodore N.
Freto, John.
Fuller, Charles.
Gilmore, Onslow.
Gleason, Samuel S.
Hall, Andrew.
Hapgood, Lyman S.
Hawks, Alanson K.
Heywood, Samuel R.
Hicks, Samuel D.
Hill, John B.

Messrs. Hoffman, Ira W.
Holmes, Henry T.
Huse, Caleb B.
Ingalls, Ephraim A.
Jenks, Thomas L.
Jones, Jesse H.
Kellogg, Ensign H.
Kennedy, Patrick.
Kimball, Moses.
Kingsbury, Joseph A.
Kirtland, Edwin L.
Longley, Samuel.
Loud, Charles A.
Mackintosh, James.
March, Andrus.
Mayo, Edward F.
McCafferty, Matthew J.
Miner, Henry S.
Morrill, George W.
Morse, Elijah A.
Morse, William.
Nichols, John B.
Norton, John B.
Nourse, B. Alden.
Parker, Frederick.
Partridge, David A.
Paul, Joseph F.
Pew, Charles H., 2d.
Pillsbury, Albert E.
Prouty, David
Reynolds, Rice M.
Richards, Charles W.
Richmond, Jonathan C.
Robinson, Wallace F.
Root, Joseph H.
Rust, Nathaniel J.
Sawyer, Ebenezer.

Messrs. Searle, John F.
Seymour, Stephen E.
Shattuck, Elijah C.
Smith, Andrew.
Smith, Webster
Stacey, Benjamin F.
Supple, James F.
Taylor, Oliver.
Truell, Byron.

Messrs. Tuttle, Henry G.
Wade, Levi C.
Ward, Alanson W.
Warren, Alonzo.
Webster, David L.
Wellington, Austin C.
Wetherell, John W.
Whitney, Edward.
Woodward, James C.

Yeas, 93 ; nays, 92.

The report of the committee on the petition of Edward Crane and others, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Edward Crane and associates for an Act of incorporation as the Boston and Chicago Railway Trust Company, and a petition in aid of the same, was further considered. On motion of Mr. Wade of Newton the yeas and nays were ordered on the pending motion of Mr. Webster of Boston to amend by substituting a bill, and the motion was lost by a vote of 45 yeas to 76 nays, as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. Amsden, Edwin.
Barry, Patrick.
Bird, Warren A.
Brownell, Lysander N.
Buckminster, Joseph.
Carney, Michael.
Clapp, Lafayette.
Converse, Charles S.
Cook, Horace.
Doane, Freeman.
Estabrook, Adin C.
Gilmore, Onslow.
Gleason Samuel S.
Haggood, Lyman S.
Hawks, Alanson K.
Hill, Joseph W.
Hoffman, Ira W.
Howe, George F.
Hunt, Jonas S.
Jenks, Thomas L.
Jones, Jesse H.
Kendall, Edward.
Kennedy, Patrick.

Messrs. Kingsbury, Joseph A.
Longley, Samuel.
Mayo, Edward F.
McCafferty, Matthew J.
Morrill, George W.
Morse, Elijah A.
Moseley, Frederick P.
Murphy, John J.
Nutter, Isaac N.
Parker, Frederick.
Partridge, David A.
Preston, David A.
Ropes, Joseph S.
Saunders, Amos J.
Shattuck, Elijah C.
Smith, Newton.
Smith, Webster.
Southwick, John R.
Talbot, Samuel, Jr.
Wade, Levi C.
Webster, David L.
Winship, Thomas.

NAYS.

Messrs. Alley, William A.
Atkinson, Michael.

Messrs. Babson, John J.
Batchelor Benjamin S.

Messrs. Bird, Warren P.	Messrs. Mitchell, Joseph, 2d.
Bradley, Osgood, Jr.	Morissey, John.
Bryant, Orrin.	Nourse, B. Alden.
Bugbee, Francis.	Perry, George R.
Clapp, Frederick W.	Pew, Charles H., 2d.
Cobb, John D.	Pillsbury, Albert E.
Coburn, Edward.	Pope, Charles G.
Coggshall, Henry F.	Prouty, David.
Cordis, Thomas F.	Putnam, Henry W.
Curtiss, Albert W.	Read, Henry C.
Dean, Dallas J.	Reed, George W.
Downer, Francis E.	Rice, Charles B.
Fiske, Wesley L.	Sawyer, Ebenezer.
Freeto, John.	Sawyer, Enoch.
Fuller, Charles.	Seymour, Stephen E.
Gardner, Charles L.	Smith, Andrew.
Gibbons, John M.	Snow, Samuel.
Goodsell, Curtis B.	Spaulding, Mark H.
Hale, Charles.	Stacey, Benjamin F.
Hall, Andrew.	Stevens, James T.
Hartt, Joseph T.	Taylor, Oliver.
Hartwell, James D.	Truell, Byron.
Hathaway, Frederick.	Van Deusen, William I.
Hill, Henry B.	Wadsworth, Alexander.
Holmes, Henry T.	Warren, Alonzo.
Howland, Weston.	Washburn, John D.
Ingalls, Ephraim A.	Waterman, Eleazer E.
Keith, Ambrose.	Wellington, Austin C.
Kellogg, Ensign H.	Wetherbee, John.
Kimball, Ensign.	Wetherell, John W.
Kimball, Moses.	Whicher, John D.
Kirtland, Edwin L.	Williams, Moses, Jr.
Knapp, Joel.	Wilson, George C.
Knowlton, Hosea M.	Wilson, John G.
Mann, Seth, 2d.	Wing, Daniel.
March, Andrus.	Woodward, James C.

Yeas, 45 ; nays, 76.

The report of the committee was then accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to divide the Commonwealth into districts for the choice of the Council was read and considered. The pending motion of Mr. Osgood of Salem to amend by substituting a new bill with the same title was carried; and the bill as amended was placed in the orders of the day for this afternoon, under the 60th rule, the question being on its engrossment.

The Bill in further addition to an Act to establish a

hospital for the insane in the north-eastern part of the Commonwealth was read and considered. Pending the question on passing it to be engrossed, the House,

At 1 o'clock, adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Pierce of Milton, from the joint special committee consisting of the members of the Judiciary committees of the two branches, to whom was referred the communication from the Attorney-General relative to a vacancy in the state directorship of the Boston and Albany Railroad, that the said committee find that no vacancy in the representation of the Commonwealth in the direction of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company has been made by Mr. Cummings's acceptance of the office of Senator.

Boston & Albany Railroad
state director.

The report being at once considered under suspension of the rule, it was amended on motion of Mr. Loud of Winchendon, and rejected.

By Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the committee on Finance, on a general order, a Bill making appropriations to meet certain expenditures authorized the present year, and for other purposes. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Appropriation
bill. No. 8.

By Mr. McCafferty of Worcester, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, to whom were referred the Senate amendments to the House Bill for the appointment of a clerk in the probate office of the county of Suffolk, that the House should concur in the Senate amendments. Read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday forenoon.

Suffolk County
probate office.

Order.

Mr. Hale of Boston offered an Order, which was amended on motion of Mr. Loud of Winchendon, adopted in the following form, and sent up for concurrence :—

Ordered, That a convention of the two houses be held on Tuesday, the twenty-fifth day of April, current, at a quarter past two o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of electing four directors on the part of the Commonwealth in the Boston and Albany Railroad Company ; *i. e.*, three directors for the

State directors.

term of two years, and one director for one year to fill the place of Hon. John Cummings.

The order subsequently came down from the Senate adopted in concurrence, with amendments, making the order provide only for the election of three directors for the term of two years. The House concurred in the amendments.

Papers from the Senate.

Savings bank bill.

The House Bill in relation to savings banks and institutions for savings came down passed to be engrossed in concurrence by the Senate, with amendments, in which the House concurred.

Census report.

The House Resolve providing for the stereotyping, printing, binding and distribution of the decennial census and statistics of industry also came down passed to be engrossed in concurrence, with an amendment, in which the House concurred.

Old Colony Wharf Co.

A Bill to amend an Act incorporating the Old Colony Wharf Company, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

Bills Enacted.

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills :

Concerning the verification of railroad and street railway returns ;

Relating to the support of persons committed to the State Industrial School and the State Reform School ;

Ratifying the election of town officers in the town of Chesterfield in the year 1876 ;

To secure greater publicity and uniformity in the accounts of railroad corporations ; and

In relation to the issue of bonds and other evidences of indebtedness by railroad corporations ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Taken from the Table.

State directors.

On motion of Mr. Osgood of Salem, the Senate Order relative to election of state directors of the Boston and Albany Railroad was taken from the table and indefinitely postponed.

E. O. Condon.

On motion of Mr. Garity of Lowell, the Resolution relating to Edward O'Meagher Condon was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for Monday forenoon.

Orders of the Day.

The Bill relating to pawnbrokers was read and ordered to a third reading. Orders of the day.

Bills :

To incorporate the Springfield Safe Deposit and Trust Company (amended on motion of Mr. Heywood of Worcester) ; and

In addition to section 4 of chapter 112 of the General Statutes, relating to the removal of clerks of courts ;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to divide the Commonwealth into districts for the choice of the Council was passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill in further addition to an Act to establish a hospital for the insane in the north-eastern part of the Commonwealth was further considered. On motion of Mr. Jones of Abington, the yeas and nays were ordered on an amendment moved by him, reducing the sum appropriated by the bill from \$450,000 to \$300,000. The roll being called, the amendment was lost by a vote of 71 yeas to 85 nays, as follows :—

YEAS.**Messrs. Abbe, James.**

Amsden, Edwin.
Atkinson, Michael.
Babson, John J.
Ballou, Monroe E.
Bartlett, James E. T.
Bird, Warren A.
Bradley, Osgood, Jr.
Buckminster, Joseph.
Clark, John P.
Cook, Horace.
Cordis, Thomas F.
Danforth, Charles H.
Dennis, Henry, Jr.
Downer, Francis E.
Freeto, John.
Gleason, Samuel S.
Granger, George W.
Hale, Charles.
Hartt, Joseph T.
Hathaway, Frederick.

Messrs. Hawks, Alanson K.

Hill, Henry B.
Hill, Joseph W.
Holley, Richard.
Hunt, Jonas S.
Jenks, Thomas L.
Jones, Jesse H.
Keith, Ambrose.
Keith, Monroe.
Kellogg, Ensign H.
Kingsbury, Joseph A.
Longley, Samuel.
Loud, Charles A.
Mackintosh, James.
Mann, Seth, 2d.
March, Andrus.
Mayo, Edward F.
Miner, Henry S.
Mitchell, Joseph, 2d.
Morse, Elijah A.
Noble, Reuben.

Messrs. Nutter, Isaac N.
 Osborn, Weaver.
 Parker, Frederick.
 Perry, George R.
 Pew, Charles H., 2d.
 Preston, David A.
 Putnam, Henry W.
 Read, Charles H.
 Reed, George R.
 Reed, George W.
 Richards, Charles W.
 Sawyer, Enoch.
 Shattuck, Elijah C.
 Smith, Andrew.
 Smith, Webster.

Messrs. Snow, Samuel.
 Stevens, James T.
 Taylor, Charles A.
 Taylor, Oliver.
 Truell, Byron.
 Ward, Alanson W.
 Warren, Alonzo.
 Waterman, Eleazer E.
 Watts, William.
 Wellington, Austin C.
 Whicher, John D.
 White, Benjamin.
 White, Joseph W.
 Woodward, James C.

NATS.

Messrs. Ayer, Edwin.
 Barker, Giles G.
 Barry, Patrick.
 Bartlett, Daniel W.
 Batchelor, Benjamin S.
 Bird, Warren P.
 Breed, Amos F.
 Brownell, Lysander N.
 Carney, Michael.
 Churchill, Gardner A.
 Clapp, Frederick W.
 Coburn, Edward.
 Cook, John H.
 Curtiss, Albert W.
 Daniels, George F.
 Dean, Dallas J.
 Evans, Alonzo H.
 Fairbanks, George O.
 Fuller, Henry W.
 Gardner, Charles L.
 Gargan, Thomas J.
 Garity, Thomas R.
 Gilmore, Onslow.
 Hall, Andrew.
 Hannum, Leander M.
 Hapgood, Lyman S.
 Hartwell, James D.
 Haskell, George.
 Hawkes, Nathan M.
 Heywood, Samuel R.
 Hoffman, Ira W.
 Holmes, Henry T.
 Huse, Caleb B.

Messrs. Ingalls, Ephraim A.
 Kimball, Ensign.
 Kimball, Moses.
 King, William S.
 Knapp, Joel.
 Knowles, John.
 Knowlton, Hosea M.
 Lee, Henry.
 Lindsey, Nathaniel E.
 McCafferty, Matthew J.
 McPherson, Eben'r M.
 Morissey, John.
 Morse, William.
 Murphy, John J.
 Nichols, John B.
 Norton, John B.
 Nourse, B. Alden.
 Osgood, Charles S.
 Partridge, David A.
 Paul, Joseph F.
 Pierce, Edward L.
 Pope, Charles G.
 Prouty, David.
 Rice, Charles B.
 Robinson, Wallace F.
 Rogers, Charles A.
 Root, Joseph H.
 Ropes, Joseph S.
 Sawin, Samuel D.
 Sawyer, Ebenezer.
 Searle, John F.
 Slade, Albion K.
 Sleeper, Solomon S.

Messrs. Smith, Robert D.	Messrs. Washburn, John D.
Southwick, John R.	Webster, David L.
Stacey, Benjamin F.	Wetherbee, John.
Stone, Frederick M.	Wetherell, John W.
Supple, James F.	White, James.
Swett, Jackson B.	Whitney, Edward.
Talbot, Samuel, Jr.	Williams, Moses, Jr.
Tuttle, Henry G.	Wilson, George C.
Van Deusen, William I.	Winship, Thomas.
Wadsworth, Alexander.	

Yeas, 71 ; nays, 85.

The bill was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill concerning the water supply of cities and towns was read and considered. Pending amendments moved by Messrs. Ropes and Hale of Boston, Smith of Lexington, Pierce of Milton, and Osgood of Salem, the bill was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. Clapp of Framingham, the main question being on engrossment.

The Bill for the supply of water to the state hospital for the insane in Danvers was amended on motion of Mr. Walden of Lynn, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to regulate the sale of intoxicating liquor was read, amended on motions of Messrs. Jenks of Boston and Gardner of Palmer, passed to be engrossed in concurrence, and sent up for concurrence in the amendments.

The Bill to extend the time for completing the new State Prison was read and considered. Pending an amendment moved by Mr. Hale of Boston, the main question being on the engrossment of the bill, the House,

At 5.40, adjourned.

MONDAY, April 24, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petition Presented.

By Mr. McCafferty of Worcester, petition of B. N. Bullock for investigation of the doings of the Central Dis-

Central District
Court of
Worcester.

trict Court of Worcester. Referred, under the rule, to the next General Court.

Papers from the Senate.

Jury trials. The House Bill to abolish trials by jury in municipal, district and police courts, and before justices of the peace, came down passed to be engrossed in concurrence by the Senate, with an amendment, in which the House concurred.

Williamstown. A Bill concerning the election of town officers in Williamstown; and a

State Almshouse. Resolve in aid of the State Almshouse at Tewksbury; Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and ordered to a second reading; the former under suspension of the 43d, and the latter under suspension of the 42d rule.

Reports of a Committee.

State aid. By Mr. Pierce of Milton, from the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an Order relative to equalizing the payment of state aid to disabled soldiers and their families, and accompanying papers, including a codification of the statutes now in force relating to state aid. Read and placed in the orders of the day for this afternoon.

Ib. By the same gentleman, from the same committee, that the Bill relating to state aid paid on account of children born after the death of the father ought to pass with an amendment. Placed in the orders of the day for this afternoon, the main question being on ordering the bill to a third reading.

Reconsiderations.

Census returns. Mr. Hale of Boston moved to reconsider the vote by which the House on Friday afternoon concurred in a Senate amendment to the House Resolve providing for the stereotyping, printing, binding and distribution of the decennial census and statistics of industry. The motion prevailed, an amendment to the Senate amendment, moved by Mr. Hale, was adopted, and the House concurred in the amendment as amended, and the resolve was returned to the Senate for concurrence.

Liquor law. Mr. Morse of Canton moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the Bill to regulate the sale of intoxicating

liquor was on Friday afternoon passed to be engrossed in concurrence, as amended. The motion prevailing, the same gentleman moved to reconsider the adoption of the amendment by which section 14 of the bill was stricken out. This motion was carried, and the question recurring on the amendment, it was rejected. The bill was then amended on motions of Messrs. Ropes of Boston and Alley of Marlborough, was again passed to be engrossed in concurrence, and sent up for concurrence in the amendments.

A motion by Mr. Jones of Abington to reconsider the vote by which the Bill in further addition to an Act to establish a hospital for the insane in the north-eastern part of the Commonwealth was passed to be engrossed was lost.

Danvers hospital.

Taken from the Table.

On motion of Mr. Ropes of Boston, the Bill concerning the water supply of cities and towns was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for this afternoon, the main question being on its engrossment.

Water supply of cities and towns.

Orders of the Day.

The Bill making appropriations to meet certain expenditures authorized the present year, and for other purposes, was read and ordered to a third reading.

Orders of the day.

The Bill to authorize further expenditures for the completion of the new hospital for the insane at Worcester, and providing for the same, was read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to extend the time for completing the new State Prison was further considered. The pending amendment, moved by Mr. Hale of Boston, was adopted, and the bill was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, as amended, and sent up for concurrence in the amendment.

The Bill to provide for the appointment of a clerk in the probate office of the county of Suffolk was considered, the question being on concurring in the Senate amendment, as recommended by the committee on Probate and Chancery. Pending an amendment to the Senate amendment, moved by Mr. King of Boston, the House,

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At 1 o'clock, adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Petition Presented.

By Mr. Keith of Granby, petition of the town of Granby for authority to return to the district system for the management of the public schools. Referred, under the rule, to the next General Court.

Paper from the Senate.

Notice was received from the Senate of the rejection by that branch of the House Bill in relation to public lands.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Hale of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom were referred the Senate amendments to the House Bill concerning the adoption of children, that the House should concur in the amendments at [A] and [E], with amendments; should concur in the amendments marked [B] and [D]; and should non-concur in the amendments marked [C] and [F].

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, to whom were referred the Senate amendments to the House Bill relating to ward officers in the city of Boston, that the House should concur in the Senate amendments marked [A], [C], [D] and [E], and should non-concur in the amendment marked [B].

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow forenoon, the amendments being ordered to be printed.

The committee on Railroads, to whom was referred the report of Francis B. Hayes, one of the state directors of the Boston and Albany Railroad, and the order in relation thereto, presented their report. Messrs. Haynes of the Senate, and Williams, Heywood, Noble and Sawin of the House expressed their views at length, and Messrs. Davis of the Senate, and Fairbanks, Knapp and Osgood of the House also expressed their views; and all the above named agreed in reporting a Resolve instructing the Attorney-General to institute proceedings against certain officials of the Boston and Albany Railroad. Read, and placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow forenoon. Messrs. Palmer of the Senate and Moseley of the

House also stated their views at length, and recommended the passage of Resolves concerning certain officials of the Boston and Albany Railroad.

By Mr. Wade of Newton, from the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures, to whom were referred the Senate amendments to the House Bill to establish the salaries of the Adjutant-General and the several employes in the Adjutant-General's department, that the House should concur in the amendments. The report was read, and at once considered, under suspension of the rule, and the House concurred in the amendments.

Adjutant-General.

Bills Enacted.

Engrossed bills :

Bills enacted.

To confirm the deed of assignment of George White, acting judge of the court of insolvency, to Walter N. Mason and Edward A. Hunting, assignees of the estate of Charles J. Power, insolvent debtor ;

Relating to the appointment of resident physicians at Tewksbury Almshouse ;

Relating to the civil jurisdiction of the municipal courts of the city of Boston ;

To secure land from trespassers ;

In addition to an Act relating to elections ;

Repealing an Act to provide for the laying out of a public common in the town of Mattapoisett ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

In addition to an Act in relation to text-books in the public schools ;

In relation to the inspection of factories and public buildings, and for other purposes ; and

To amend section 165 of chapter 372 of the Acts of the year 1874, relating to connecting railroads ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves :

Resolves passed.

In favor of C. J. Hinkson ;

Providing for repairs on the State House ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;) and

Authorizing the appointment of a commission to inquire into the expediency of revising the judicial system of the State ;

(Which originated in the Senate;)
Were severally passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

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Bills :

Concerning the election of town officers in Williamstown;
and

To amend an Act incorporating the Old Colony Wharf
Company; and a

Resolve in aid of the State Almshouse at Tewksbury;
Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill relating to state aid paid on account of children
born after the death of the father was further considered,
amended as recommended by the committee on the Judi-
ciary, and ordered to a third reading.

The Senate amendment to the House Bill to provide for
the appointment of a clerk in the probate office of the
county of Suffolk was further considered. The pending
amendment to the amendment moved by Mr. King of
Boston was adopted, and the House concurred in the
amendment as amended. Sent up for concurrence.

The Resolution relating to Edward O'Meagher Condon
was amended on motion of Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, and
adopted in the following form:—

Resolved, That our Senators and Representatives in
Congress be requested to use their influence to secure the
release from prison of Edward O'Meagher Condon, now
in confinement in Portland, England, if in their opinion
such release is consistent with the purposes of justice.

The Bill relating to pawnbrokers was read a third time,
amended on motions of Messrs. Gargan and Jenks of Bos-
ton and Foque of Malden, and indefinitely postponed.

The Bill concerning the water supply of cities and towns
was further considered. Amendments moved by Messrs.
Warren of Boston and Kellogg of Pittsfield were adopted,
and the bill was then rejected.

The Bill making appropriations to meet certain expend-
itures authorized the present year, and for other purposes,
was read, amended on motion of Mr. King of Boston,
and sent up for concurrence.

At 5.40, adjourned.

TUESDAY, April 25, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Papers from the Senate.

A communication from His Excellency the Governor, transmitting a Resolution passed by Congress recommending the adoption of measures to obtain record of the progress of our institutions during the first century of their existence, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Federal Relations. Centennial record of progress.

Bills :Bills.

To amend chapter 148 of the General Statutes, concerning meadows; and

In relation to calling meetings of the stockholders of railroad corporations;

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Bills :Ibid.

To provide for the exchange of certain bonds and promissory notes payable to bearer for registered bonds and promissory notes; and

To amend chapter 103 of the General Statutes, and chapter 188 of the Acts of the year 1874, relating to sales of lands and rights on execution (being a new draft of House Bill to amend chapter 103 of the General Statutes, and chapter 188 of the Acts of the year 1874, relating to sales of land on execution);

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and referred under the rule to the committee on the Judiciary.

The House Bill relating to preparation of the voting lists and elections in cities came down passed to be engrossed in concurrence by the Senate, with amendments, which were referred, under the rule, to the committee on the Judiciary. Voting lists.

The House Bill for the relief of the Eastern Railroad Company, and the securing of its debts and liabilities, also came down passed to be engrossed in concurrence by the Senate, with amendments. Placed in the orders of the day for this afternoon, the question being on concurring in the amendments. Eastern Railroad Co.

Reports of Committees.

Fall River charter.

By Mr. Hale of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was recommitted the Bill to revise the charter of the city of Fall River, that the bill ought to pass in a new draft with the same title.

Explosive compounds.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, to whom was recommitted the Bill in relation to certain explosive compounds, that the bill ought to pass in a new draft, entitled a Bill in regard to the manufacture, storage, use, transportation and sale of explosive compounds.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Railroad Commissioners.

By Mr. Osgood of Salem, from the committee on Railroads, no further legislation necessary on the Seventh Annual Report of the Board of Railroad Commissioners. Read, accepted under suspension of the rule, and sent up for concurrence.

Motions to Reconsider.

Water supply.

A motion by Mr. Ropes of Boston to reconsider the vote by which the House yesterday rejected the Bill concerning the water supply of cities and towns, and a motion by Mr. Truell of Lawrence to reconsider the vote by which the Senate Bill relating to pawnbrokers was yesterday indefinitely postponed, were lost.

Pawnbrokers.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

Bills :

To amend an Act incorporating the Old Colony Wharf Company ; and

Concerning the election of town officers in Williams-town ; and a

Resolve in aid of the State Almshouse at Tewksbury ;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexperienced to legislate, on an Order relative to equalizing the payment of state aid to disabled soldiers and their families, and on a codification of the laws relating to state aid, was referred to the next General Court.

The Resolve instructing the Attorney-General to institute proceedings against certain officials of the Boston & Albany Railroad was read, and its consideration was postponed

until this afternoon on motion of Mr. Ropes of Boston; the question being on ordering it to a third reading.

The Senate amendments to the House Bill concerning the adoption of children were considered. The amendments at [A] and [E] were concurred in with amendments. The amendments at [C] and [D] were concurred in, and the amendment at [B] having been amended on motion of Messrs. Rice of Danvers and Loud of Winchendon was non-concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Carney of Boston, the report of the committee, that the House should non-concur in the Senate amendment at [F], was amended by substituting "concur" for "non-concur."

Mr. Hale of Boston moved to reconsider the vote by which the above amendment was adopted, pending which motion, the House

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Petition Presented.

By Mr. McCafferty of Worcester, petition of the mayor ^{Worcester.} of Worcester for authority to purchase certain property and rights for the purpose of supplying said city with water. Referred, under suspension of the 20th joint rule, to the committee on the Judiciary, and sent up for concurrence in suspension of the rule.

Papers from the Senate.

The report of the committee of conference on the ^{Militia bill.} matters of difference between the two branches on the Bill to reduce the expenses and increase the efficiency of the militia, that the bill ought to pass with certain modifications necessary to adjust the differences between the two branches, was read and accepted in concurrence.

The House Bill to provide for the appointment of a ^{Suffolk County} clerk in the probate office of the county of Suffolk came ^{probate office.} down with the endorsement that the Senate non-concurred in the House amendment to the Senate amendment. On motion of Mr. Hale of Boston the House voted to adhere to its amendment.

*Bills Enacted.***Bills enacted.**

Engrossed bills :
 To establish the police court of the city of Newton ;
 In relation to savings banks and institutions for savings ;
 To abolish trials by jury in municipal, district and
 police courts, and before justices of the peace ;
 (Which severally originated in the House of Represent-
 atives ;) and
 To extend the time for completing the new State Prison ;
 (Which originated in the Senate ;))
 Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent
 to the Senate.

**Resolves
passed.**

Engrossed resolves :
 Granting county taxes ; and
 Providing for the stereotyping, printing, binding and
 distribution of the decennial census and statistics of
 industry ;
 (Which severally originated in the House of Represent-
 atives ;))
 Were severally passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.
 Pursuant to assignment, the two branches met in

*Convention,***State directors
Boston & Al-
bany Railroad.**

For the purpose of choosing three directors, on the part
 of the Commonwealth, of the Boston and Albany Railroad
 Corporation for the term of two years ; and Messrs.
 Harwood and Fitz Gerald of the Senate, and Messrs.
 Dean of Berkley, Dennis of Rockport, Alley of Marl-
 borough, Holley of Edgartown, and Cook of Boston, of
 the House, were appointed a committee to receive, assort
 and count the votes therefor, and the votes having been
 received, assorted and counted, it appeared that there was
 no choice. A second ballot being had, and the votes
 counted, it appeared that Joseph H. Chadwick of Boston
 was elected.

The Convention proceeded to a third ballot, and the
 votes having been collected, assorted and counted, it
 appeared that Thomas Talbot of Billerica and Charles L.
 Wood of New Bedford were chosen.

The two branches separated.

*Discharged from the Orders.***Eastern Rail-
road Co.**

On motion of Mr. Williams of Brookline, the Bill for
 the relief of the Eastern Railroad Company, and the

securing of its debts and liabilities, was discharged from the orders of the day. On motion of the same gentleman the House voted to non-concur in the Senate amendments, and the bill was returned to the Senate with an indorsement to that effect.

Orders of the Day.

Bills :

Orders of the day.

In relation to calling meetings of the stockholders of railroad corporations ; and

To revise the charter of the city of Fall River ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill relating to state aid paid on account of children born after the death of the father was read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Senate amendments to the House Bill relating to ward officers in the city of Boston were considered, the report of the committee on the Judiciary concerning them was accepted, and the action recommended by the committee was taken by the House, and the bill was sent to the Senate with an indorsement to that effect.

The pending motion of Mr. Hale of Boston to reconsider the vote whereby the House voted to amend the report of the committee on the Judiciary so that the House should concur, instead of non-concur, in the Senate amendment at [F] to the House Bill concerning the adoption of children, was withdrawn by general consent.

The bill was sent to the Senate with notice of the action of the House on the Senate amendments.

At 5.33, adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, April 26, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Miner of Phillipston, from the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures, to whom were referred the Senate amendments to the House Bill to fix the salary of the Secretary of the Commonwealth and of the persons

Salaries in Secretary's department.

employed in the Secretary's department, that the House should concur in the amendments.

Insurance Commissioner.

By Mr. Wade of Newton, from the same committee, to whom was referred a Senate amendment to the House Bill to fix the salaries of the Insurance Commissioner, his deputy and clerks, that the House should non-concur in the amendment.

Severally read and accepted under suspension of the rule; and the action recommended by the committee in each case was taken by the House.

State Arsenal.

By Mr. King of Boston, from the committee on Military Affairs, on a portion of the Governor's address and the report of the Adjutant-General, a Resolve to provide for repairing the State Arsenal at South Framingham. Read and ordered to a second reading, under suspension of the 42d rule.

Papers from the Senate.

Attendance of officers on district courts.

The House Bill relating to the attendance of officers upon district courts came down passed to be engrossed in concurrence by the Senate, with an amendment, which was referred, under the rule, to the committee on the Judiciary.

Attorneys-at-law.

The report of the committee of conference on the matters of difference between the two branches on the Senate Bill concerning the admission of persons to practice as attorneys-at-law, that the House should recede from its amendment, was read and accepted in concurrence under suspension of the rule.

Mortgage of trust estates.

The report of the committee of conference on the matters of difference between the two branches on the House Bill to authorize, in certain cases, the mortgage of real estate held in trust, that the Senate should recede from its amendments, was read and accepted in concurrence under suspension of the rule.

Bills Enacted.

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills :

To establish the salary of the Adjutant-General and the several employés in the Adjutant-General's office;

To establish the polls and estates of the several cities and towns of the Commonwealth;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;)

Concerning the election of town officers in Williams-town; and

To amend an Act incorporating the Old Colony Wharf Company;

(Which severally originated in the Senate;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

An engrossed Resolve in aid of the State Almshouse at Tewksbury (which originated in the Senate) was passed, signed, and sent to the Senate. Resolve passed.

Adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Kellogg of Pittsfield, it was

Voted, That when the House adjourns, it be at 12 o'clock, to meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Adjournment.

Orders of the Day.

The Bill in relation to calling meetings of the stockholders of railroad corporations was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence. Orders of the day.

The Resolve instructing the Attorney-General to institute proceedings against certain officials of the Boston and Albany Railroad was considered.

An amendment moved by Mr. Pillsbury of Boston was adopted.

The same gentleman moved to further amend in the first and second lines by striking out the words "with the approval of the Governor and Council." This was rejected. Subsequently, on motion of Mr. Moseley of Boston, the vote rejecting the amendment was reconsidered, and on the recurring question of the adoption of the amendment the yeas and nays were ordered at the request of Mr. Noble of Westfield, and the roll being called, the amendment was rejected by a vote of 77 yeas to 96 nays, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Alley, William A.
Babson, John J.
Bailey, Daniel D.
Barry, Patrick.
Bartlett, Daniel W.
Bartlett, James E. T.
Bird, Warren A.

Messrs. Bird, Warren P.
Bowen, Francis C.
Capron, Charles C.
Carney, Michael.
Churchill, Gardner A.
Clapp, Frederick W.
Clapp, Lafayette.

Messrs. Clark, John P.
 Coggsball, Henry F.
 Crocker, Elisha, Jr.
 Danforth, Charles H.
 Dean, Herbert A.
 Doane, Freeman.
 Downer, Francis E.
 Fish, William W.
 Freeto, John.
 Fuller, Charles.
 Gicason, Samuel S.
 Granger, George W.
 Hathaway, Frederick.
 Hawkes, Nathan M.
 Hawks, Alanson K.
 Hill, Henry B.
 Hill, John B.
 Hoffman, Ira W.
 Howland, Weston.
 Hunt, Jonas S.
 Ingalls, Ephraim A.
 Jenks, Thomas L.
 Keith, Ambrose.
 Kingsbury, Joseph A.
 Lindsey, Nathaniel E.
 Longley, Samuel.
 Loud, Charles A.
 Mackintosh, James.
 Mann, Seth, 2d.
 McPherson, Eben'r M.
 Merritt, Christopher C.
 Merritt, George W.

Messrs. Miner, Henry S.
 Morse, William.
 Moseley, Frederick P.
 Nelson, Sherman.
 Norton, John B.
 Osborn, Weaver.
 Partridge, David A.
 Paul, Joseph F.
 Pew, Charles H., 2d.
 Pierce, Edward L.
 Pillsbury, Albert E.
 Preston, David A.
 Putnam, Henry W.
 Reed, George W.
 Richmond, Jonathan C.
 Saunders, Amos J.
 Sawyer, Enoch.
 Searle, John F.
 Smith, Newton.
 Smith, Webster.
 Spaulding, Mark H.
 Stone, Frederick M.
 Supple, James F.
 Tuttle, Henry G.
 Ward, Alanson W.
 Watts, William.
 Webster, David L.
 Wing, Daniel.
 Winslow, Isaac.
 Woods, William.
 Woodward, James C.

NAME.

Messrs. Abbe, James.
 Allen, Stillman B.
 Ayer, Edwin.
 Ballou, Monroe E.
 Batchelor, Benjamin S.
 Bradley, Osgood, Jr.
 Breed, Amos F.
 Brownell, Lysander N.
 Buckminster, Joseph.
 Cobb, John D.
 Converse, Charles S.
 Cook, Horace.
 Cook, John H.
 Cordis, Thomas F.
 Curtiss, Albert W.
 Dean, Dallas J.

Messrs. Dennis, Henry, Jr.
 Fairbanks, George O.
 Fisk, Luther.
 Fiske, Wesley L.
 Foque, Theodore N.
 Fuller, Henry W.
 Gardner, Charles L.
 Gibbons, John M.
 Goodsell, Curtis B.
 Hale, Charles.
 Hannum, Leander M.
 Hartwell, James D.
 Haskell, George.
 Hathaway, Isaac N.
 Heywood, Samuel R.
 Hicks, Samuel D.

Messrs. Holmes, Henry T.	Messrs. Sandford, Addison.
Howe, George F.	Sawyer, Ebenezer.
Keith, Isaac N.	Seymour, Stephen E.
Keith, Monroe.	Shattuck, Calvin W.
Kellogg, Ensign H.	Shattuck, Elijah C.
Kimball, Ensign.	Sleeper, Solomon S.
King, William S.	Small, Isaiah A.
Kirtland, Edwin L.	Smith, Andrew.
Knapp, Joel.	Smith, Robert D.
Lawrence, Daniel W.	Snow, Samuel.
Lee, Henry.	Stevens, James T.
March, Andrus.	Swett, Jackson B.
Mayo, Edward F.	Swett, Noah.
McCafferty, Matthew J.	Taylor, Charles A.
Murphy, Jeremiah.	Taylor, Oliver.
Noble, Reuben.	Thayer, Davis, Jr.
Noonan, Daniel.	Truell, Byron.
Osgood, Charles S.	Van Deusen, William I.
Owen, Harvey M.	Wadsworth, Alexander.
Parker, George G.	Walden, Edwin.
Phinney, Stephen C.	Wallace, William S.
Pope, Charles G.	Washburn, John D.
Prouty, David.	Waterman, Eleazer E.
Read, Charles H.	Wetherbee, John.
Read, Henry C.	White, Benjamin.
Read, Washington.	White, James.
Reed, George R.	Whitney, Edward.
Reynolds, Rice M.	Williams, Moses, Jr.
Rice, Charles B.	Wilson, George C.
Root, Joseph H.	Wilson, John G.
Ropes, Joseph S.	Winship, Thomas.
Rust, Nathaniel J.	Wood, Eliphaz H.

Yeas, 77; nays, 96.

Mr. Moseley of Boston moved to amend the resolve by inserting after the title thereof the resolves, excepting the last, recommended by a minority of the committee.

Pending the consideration of this motion, the House,

At 12, noon, adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Nutter of East Bridgewater, under suspension of the 23d joint rule,—

Ordered, That 2,000 copies of the Act to regulate the Liquor bill.

sale of intoxicating liquors be printed for the use of the two branches. Sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Executive department salaries.

The Bill to fix the compensation of the Lieutenant-Governor and Council and employes of the executive department passed to be engrossed in concurrence by the House, with amendments, came down with the indorsement that the Senate non-concurred in the amendments, and asked for a committee of conference; Messrs. Cummings, Crane and Robinson of Hampden being appointed on its part. The House agreed to the proposition, and Messrs. Miner of Phillipston, Partridge of Medway, and Ingalls of Lynn were appointed on its part, and the bill was returned to the Senate indorsed accordingly.

Eastern Railroad.

The Bill for the relief of the Eastern Railroad, and the securing of its debts and liabilities, passed to be engrossed in concurrence by the Senate, with amendments, in which the House non-concurred, came down with the indorsement that the Senate insisted on its amendments, and asked for a committee of conference; Messrs. Bowman, Robinson of Hampden, and Rand being appointed on its part.

The House agreed to the proposition, and Messrs. Williams of Brookline, Fairbanks of Fall River, and Osgood of Salem were joined on its part. The bill was returned to the Senate indorsed accordingly.

Boston ward officers.

The Bill relating to ward officers in the city of Boston, which was passed to be engrossed by the Senate, with amendments, in one of which, marked [B], the House non-concurred, came down with the indorsement that the Senate insisted on the said amendment. On motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, the matter was laid upon the table.

Close of session.

Ordered, In concurrence, that a joint committee, consisting of three on the part of the Senate, and as many as the House shall join, be appointed to consider and report at what time the present Legislature can be prorogued.

Messrs. Robinson of Hampden, Fiske and Gaylord being appointed by the Senate, Messrs. Osgood of Salem, Walden of Lynn, Gardner of Palmer, Phinney of Plymouth and Pope of Somerville were joined on the part of the House.

Railroad Commissioners.

The House Bill in relation to the Railroad Commissioners and their clerk came down passed to be engrossed in con-

currence by the Senate, with an amendment, in which the House concurred.

The House Bill establishing the salary of the clerks and messenger in the Surgeon-General's department came down passed to be engrossed in concurrence, with an amendment, which was referred, under the rule, to the committee on State Salaries and Expenditures. Surgeon-General's department.

The House Bill concerning municipal, police and district courts, and the taxation of costs in civil and criminal cases in said courts, and by justices of the peace and trial justices, also came down passed to be engrossed in concurrence, with amendments, which were referred, under the rule, to the committee on the Judiciary. Courts.

Notice was received from the Senate of the rejection by that branch of the following House bills:— Bills rejected.

To set off a part of the town of Medford to the town of Malden ;

In relation to estates held on condition ;

To authorize the city of Lynn to obtain a further supply of pure water ;

To establish the boundary line between Provincetown and Truro ; and

To authorize the county commissioners of Bristol County to lay out a highway and construct drawbridges over Lee's and Cole's rivers.

Taken from the Table.

On motion of Mr. Thayer of Franklin, his motion to suspend the 20th joint rule, on a petition of the selectmen of Franklin for an Act to authorize said town to raise money for celebrating its centennial anniversary, etc., was taken from the table and indefinitely postponed. Franklin.

Discharged from the Orders.

On motion of Mr. King of Boston, the Resolve to provide for repairing the State Arsenal at South Framingham was discharged from the orders of the day. Read and ordered to a third reading. State Arsenal.

On motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, the Bill to revise the charter of the city of Fall River was discharged from the orders of the day. The bill was read, amended on motions of Messrs. Hale of Boston and Slade of Fall River, passed to be engrossed as amended, and sent up for concurrence. Fall River.

Orders of the Day.

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day.

The Resolve instructing the Attorney-General to institute proceedings against certain officials of the Boston and Albany Railroad was further considered. Mr. Moseley called for a division of the question on his pending motion to amend, so that the question should be taken on inserting each of the resolves separately. The same gentleman also called for the yeas and nays on the question of inserting the first resolve, which were ordered, and the roll being called, the amendment was rejected by a vote of 60 yeas to 87 nays, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Alley, William A.	Messrs. McPherson, Eben'r M.
Appell, J. Franklin.	Merritt, Christopher C.
Barry, Patrick.	Merritt, George W.
Bird, Warren A.	Miner, Henry S.
Bird, Warren P.	Morse, William.
Bowen, Francis C.	Moseley, Frederick P.
Carney, Michael.	Murphy, John J.
Clapp, Frederick W.	Nelson, Sherman.
Clapp, Lafayette.	Norton, John B.
Coggshall, Henry F.	Partridge, David A.
Converse, Charles S.	Pew, Charles H., 2d.
Danforth, Charles H.	Pillsbury, Albert E.
Downer, Francis E.	Putnam, Henry W.
Fish, William W.	Read, Washington.
Freeto, John.	Richmond, Jonathan C.
Hawks, Alanson K.	Shattuck, Calvin W.
Hill, Henry B.	Smith, Webster.
Hoffman, Ira W.	Spaulding, Mark H.
Holley, Richard.	Stevens, James T.
Hunt, Jonas S.	Supple, James F.
Ingalls, Ephraim A.	Tuttle, Henry G.
Jenks, Thomas L.	Wadsworth, Alexander.
Keith, Ambrose.	Ward, Alanson W.
Kingsbury, Joseph A.	Warren, Alonzo.
Knowlton, Hosea M.	Watts, William.
Longley, Samuel.	Webster, David L.
Loud, Charles A.	Wetherbee, John.
Mann, Seth, 2d.	Whicher, John D.
March, Andrus.	Woods, William.
McCafferty, Matthew J.	Woodward, James C.

NAYS.

Messrs. Adams, Ebenezer.	Messrs. Atkinson, Michael.
Allen, Stillman B.	Babson, John J.

Messrs. Ballou, Monroe E.
 Bartlett, James E. T.
 Bradley, Osgood, Jr.
 Breed, Amos F.
 Burr, Isaac T.
 Cobb, John D.
 Coburn, Edward.
 Cook, Horace.
 Cook, John H.
 Coveney, Jeremiah W.
 Crocker, Elisha, Jr.
 Curtiss, Albert W.
 Daniels, George F.
 Dean, Dallas J.
 Doane, Freeman.
 Evans, Alonzo H.
 Fairbanks, George O.
 Fisk, Luther.
 Fiske, Wesley L.
 Foque, Theodore N.
 Fuller, Henry W.
 Gardner, Charles L.
 Gargan, Thomas J.
 Gibbons, John M.
 Gilmore, Onslow.
 Hale, Charles.
 Hall, Andrew.
 Hannum, Leander M.
 Hapgood, Lyman S.
 Hartwell, James D.
 Holmes, Henry T.
 Howe, George F.
 Keith, Isaac N.
 Keith, Monroe.
 Kellogg, Ensign H.
 Kimball, Ensign.
 King, William S.
 Kirtland, Edwin L.
 Knapp, Joel.
 Lawrence, Daniel W.
 Lee, Henry.
 Lindsey, Nathaniel E.

Messrs. Mackintosh, James.
 Murphy, Jeremiah.
 Noble, Reuben.
 Noonan, Daniel.
 Osborn, Weaver.
 Osgood, Charles S.
 Owen, Harvey M.
 Perry, George R.
 Prouty, David.
 Reed, George R.
 Rice, Charles B.
 Richards, Charles W.
 Robinson, Wallace F.
 Rogers, Charles A.
 Russell, Solomon N.
 Sandford, Addison.
 Seymour, Stephen E.
 Sherman, Elon.
 Slade, Albion K.
 Sleeper, Solomon S.
 Small, Isaiah A.
 Smith, Newton.
 Southwick, John R.
 Stacey, Benjamin F.
 Stone, Frederick M.
 Swett, Jackson B.
 Swett, Noah.
 Talbot, Samuel, Jr.
 Taylor, Charles A.
 Taylor, Oliver.
 Thayer, Davis, Jr.
 Truell, Byron.
 Washburn, John D.
 Wellington, Austin C.
 Wetherell, John W.
 White, James.
 Whitney, Edward.
 Williams, Moses, Jr.
 Wilson, George C.
 Wilson, John G.
 Wing, Daniel.

Yeas, 60 ; nays, 87.

At the request of Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, the yeas and nays were ordered on the question of inserting the second resolve, and the roll being called, the amendment was rejected by a vote of 37 yeas to 94 nays, as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. Appell, J. Franklin.	Messrs. March, Andrus.
Bartlett, James E. T.	Merritt, Christopher C.
Bird, Warren P.	Merritt, George W.
Bowen, Francis C.	Morse, William.
Brownell, Lysander N.	Moseley, Frederick P.
Clapp, Frederick W.	Norton, John B.
Clapp, Lafayette.	Pillsbury, Albert E.
Danforth, Charles H.	Read, Washington.
Downer, Francis E.	Shattuck, Calvin W.
Freeto, John.	Smith, Webster.
Hawks, Alanson K.	Spaulding, Mark H.
Holley, Richard.	Stevens, James T.
Hunt, Jonas S.	Ward, Alanson W.
Ingalls, Ephraim A.	Warren, Alonzo.
Jenks, Thomas L.	Watts, William.
Kingsbury, Joseph A.	Webster, David L.
Longley, Samuel.	Wetherbee, John.
Loud, Charles A.	Whicher, John D.
Mann, Seth, 2d.	

NAYS.

Messrs. Adams, Ebenezer.	Messrs. Gargan, Thomas J.
Allen, Stillman B.	Gibbons, John M.
Alley, William A.	Hale, Charles.
Atkinson, Michael.	Hall, Andrew.
Babson, John J.	Hannum, Leander M.
Ballou, Monroe E.	Hapgood, Lyman S.
Bradley, Osgood, Jr.	Hartwell, James D.
Breed, Amos F.	Hathaway, Frederick.
Burr, Isaac T.	Hill, Henry B.
Carney, Michael.	Holmes, Henry T.
Cobb, John D.	Keith, Ambrose.
Coburn, Edward.	Keith, Isaac N.
Converse, Charles S.	Keith, Monroe.
Cook, Horace.	Kellogg, Ensign H.
Cook, John H.	Kimball, Ensign.
Coveney, Jeremiah W.	King, William S.
Crocker, Elisha, Jr.	Kirtland, Edwin L.
Curtiss, Albert W.	Knapp, Joel.
Daniels, George F.	Lawrence, Daniel W.
Dean, Dallas J.	Lee, Henry.
Doane, Freeman.	Lindsey, Nathaniel E.
Fairbanks, George O.	Mackintosh, James.
Fisk, Luther.	Mayo, Edward F.
Fiske, Wesley L.	McCafferty, Matthew J.
Foque, Theodore N.	McPherson, Eben'r M.
Fuller, Henry W.	Murphy, Jeremiah.
Gardner, Charles L.	Murphy, John J.

Messrs. Noble, Reuben.	Messrs. Southwick, John R.
Noonan, Daniel.	Stacey, Benjamin F.
Osborn, Weaver.	Stone, Frederick M.
Osgood, Charles S.	Supple, James F.
Owen, Harvey M.	Swett, Jackson B.
Paul, Joseph F.	Talbot, Samuel, Jr.
Perry, George R.	Taylor, Charles A.
Putnam, Henry W.	Taylor, Oliver.
Reed, George R.	Truell, Byron.
Rice, Charles B.	Tuttle, Henry G.
Richards, Charles W.	Wadsworth, Alexander.
Robinson, Wallace F.	Walden, Edwin.
Rogers, Charles A.	Washburn, John D.
Ropes, Joseph S.	Wellington, Austin C.
Sandford, Addison.	Wetherell, John W.
Sherman, Elon.	White, James.
Slade, Albion K.	Whitney, Edward.
Sleeper, Solomon S.	Williams, Moses, Jr.
Small, Isaiah A.	Wilson, George C.
Smith, Newton.	Wilson, John G.

Yeas, 37 ; nays, 94.

The other amendments were severally rejected, and the resolve was ordered to a third reading.

The Bill in regard to the manufacture, storage, use, transportation and sale of explosive compounds was read a second time and considered. Pending the consideration of amendments moved by Messrs. Wetherbee of Warren and Williams of Brookline, the House,

At 5.50, adjourned.

THURSDAY, April 27, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain of the Senate.

Introduced on Leave.

The following bills were introduced on leave, and considered under suspension of the 20th joint rule, and sent up for concurrence in the suspension :—

By Mr. Foque of Malden, a Bill to authorize the town Malden. of Malden to issue additional water fund bonds.

By Mr. Saunders of Pepperell, a Bill to legalize certain Groton. doings of the town of Groton.

*Petitions Presented.***Fitchburg.**

Mr. Coggshall of Fitchburg presented the petition of the mayor of Fitchburg for an Act to authorize the city of Fitchburg to purchase land for a public park. The same gentleman moved a suspension of the 20th joint rule to allow the reference of this petition to a committee, which motion was laid over until this afternoon, on request of Mr. Pierce of Milton.

*Papers from the Senate.***Burial permits.**

The House Bill in relation to burial permits and records of deaths in cities came down passed to be engrossed in concurrence, in a new draft, entitled a Bill in relation to burial permits and records of deaths in the city of Boston. Read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Voting of towns in wards.

A bill to enable towns to vote in wards, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Ward 22, Boston.

The House Bill to authorize the division of Ward 22, in the city of Boston, came down passed to be engrossed in concurrence by the Senate, with amendments, which were referred, under the rule, to the committee on the Judiciary.

Adoption of children.

The House Bill concerning the adoption of children, in the Senate amendments to which at [A] and [E] the House concurred, with amendments, concurring in amendments marked [C], [D] and [F], and non-concurring in the amendment marked [B], came down indorsed that the Senate concurred in the House amendment to the amendment at [A], with an amendment, insisted on its amendment at [B], and concurred in the House amendment to the amendment at [E]. Referred, under the rule, to the committee on the Judiciary.

State directors.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the Clerks of the two Houses be authorized to inform Joseph H. Chadwick of Boston, Charles L. Wood of New Bedford, and Thomas Talbot of Billerica, that they have been duly elected directors of the Boston and Albany Railroad Corporation for the term of two years. Also, that they inform the clerk of said corporation of the election of the above-named gentlemen.

Bills :**Printing, binding, etc.**

Relating to public printing, binding and stationery (being a new draft of a House bill with the same title) ; and

Authorizing the county commissioners of the county of Barnstable to lay out a highway over land of the Commonwealth in the towns of Truro and Provincetown ;

Truro and Provincetown.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read and ordered to a second reading.

The House Bill to provide for the appointment of an additional commissioner of savings banks came down passed to be engrossed in concurrence, with certain amendments, in which the House concurred.

Commissioner of savings banks.

The House Bill for the protection of trout, land-locked salmon and lake trout came down passed to be engrossed in concurrence, with certain amendments, in which the House concurred.

Trout, etc.

The House Bill to fix the salaries of the Insurance Commissioner, his deputy and clerks, passed to be engrossed in concurrence by the Senate, with an amendment, in which the House non-concurred, came down with the indorsement that the Senate insisted on its amendment, and asked for a committee of conference, Messrs. Robinson of Hampden, Palmer and Rand being appointed on its part. The House assented to the proposition for a committee of conference, and Messrs. J. W. Hill of Boston, Knowlton of New Bedford, and Morissey of Plymouth were appointed on its part.

Insurance Commissioner—salary.

The report of the committee of Conference, to whom were referred the matters of disagreement between the two branches on the House Bill to fix the compensation of the Lieutenant-Governor and Council and employés of the executive department, that the Senate should concur in the House amendment at [A], and that the House should recede from its amendment at [B], accepted by the Senate, was read and accepted in concurrence under suspension of the rule.

Executive department salaries.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Gardner of Palmer, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the House ought to concur in the Senate amendments to the House Bill concerning municipal, police and district courts, and the taxation of costs in civil and criminal cases in said courts, and by justices of the peace and trial justices. Read and accepted under a suspension of the rule, and the bill returned to the Senate with the proper indorsement.

Courts.

By Mr. Nutter of East Bridgewater, from the committee

Surgeon-General's department
—salaries.

on State Salaries and Expenditures, to whom was referred the Senate amendment to the House Bill establishing the salary of the clerks and messenger in the Surgeon-General's department, that the House should non-concur in the amendment. Read and accepted under suspension of the rule, and the House non-concurred. The bill was returned to the Senate with an indorsement to that effect.

Worcester
water supply.

By Mr. Washburn of Worcester, from the committee on the Judiciary, on a petition, a Bill to supply the city of Worcester with pure water. Read, and ordered to a second reading.

Bills Enacted.

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills :

To confer a veto power on the mayors of cities ;

To fix the salary of the clerk of the Second District Court of Bristol ;

Relating to the appointment of special administrators ;

Relating to the punishment of bank, safe and vault robbery ;

To regulate the fisheries in Taunton Great River and Nemasket River ;

In relation to the Railroad Commissioners and their clerk ;

In addition to section 4 of chapter 112 of the General Statutes relating to the removal of clerks of courts ;

Relating to the preparation of the list of jurors in the city of Boston ;

To reduce the expenses and increase the efficiency of the militia ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

In relation to calling meetings of the stockholders of railroad corporations ;

Concerning the admission of persons to practice as attorneys-at-law ; and

To authorize, in certain cases, the mortgage of real estate held in trust ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Resolve passed.

An engrossed Resolve in favor of the State Normal Art-School (which originated in the House of Representatives) was passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

The Bill to amend chapter 148 of the General Statutes, ^{Orders of the day.} concerning meadows, was read, and ordered to a third reading.

The Resolve to provide for repairing the State Arsenal at South Framingham was read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill in regard to the manufacture, storage, use, transportation and sale of explosive compounds was further considered. Pending amendments moved by Messrs. Wetherbee of Warren and Williams of Brookline were adopted, and the bill as amended was ordered to a third reading.

The Resolve instructing the Attorney-General to institute proceedings against certain officials of the Boston and Albany Railroad was read and considered. Mr. Loud of Winchendon moved to amend by inserting after the title a preamble to the resolve, which was amended on motions of Messrs. Ropes and Pillsbury of Boston to read as follows :—

" *Whereas*, The president and certain of the directors, including a state director, of the Boston and Albany Railroad have, as appears by the evidence submitted before the committee on Railroads, been engaged in certain pecuniary transactions inconsistent with the honorable and faithful discharge of their trust; therefore,"—

The yeas and nays being ordered on motion of Mr. Loud, the preamble was adopted as amended by a vote of 96 yeas to 64 nays, as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. Adams, Ebenezer.

Alley, William A.

Ansden, Edwin.

Barry, Patrick.

Bartlett, James E. T.

Batchelor, Benjamin S.

Bird, Warren A.

Bird, Warren P.

Bowen, Francis C.

Buckminster, Joseph.

Carney, Michael.

Churchill, Gardner A.

Clapp, Frederick W.

Clapp, Lafayette.

Messrs. Clark, John P.

Coggshall, Henry F.

Crocker, Elisha, Jr.

Danforth, Charles H.

Dennis, Henry, Jr.

Doane, Freeman.

Downer, Francis E.

Estabrook, Adin C.

Fish, William W.

Fisk, Luther.

Freeto, John.

Hall, Andrew.

Hartt, Joseph T.

Hawkes, Nathan M.

Messrs. Hawks, Alanson K.	Messrs. Prouty, David.
Hicks, Samuel D.	Putnam, Henry W.
Hill, Henry B.	Read, Washington.
Hill, John B.	Reed, George W.
Hoffman, Ira W.	Rice, Charles B.
Howe, George F.	Richards, Charles W.
Hunt, Jonas S.	Richmond, Jonathan C.
Ingalls, Ephraim A.	Ropes, Joseph S.
Jenks, Thomas L.	Saunders, Amos J.
Jones, Jesse H.	Sawyer, Enoch.
Keith, Ambrose.	Seymour, Stephen E.
Kingsbury, Joseph A.	Shattuck, Calvin W.
Knowlton, Henry C.	Smith, Andrew.
Knowlton, Hosea M.	Smith, Robert D.
Lee, Henry.	Smith, Webster.
Lindsey, Nathaniel E.	Snow, Samuel.
Longley, Samuel.	Spaulding, Mark H.
Loud, Charles A.	Stevens, James T.
Mackintosh, James.	Stone, Frederick M.
Mann, Seth, 2d.	Supple, James F.
McPherson, Eben'r M.	Tuttle, Henry G.
Merritt, Christopher C.	Wadsworth, Alexander.
Merritt, George W.	Wallace, William S.
Miner, Henry S.	Ward, Alanson W.
Morse, Elijah A.	Warren, Alonzo.
Morse, William.	Washburn, John D.
Moseley, Frederick P.	Waterman, Eleazer E.
Nelson, Sherman.	Watts, William.
Nutter, Isaac N.	Webster, David L.
Parker, Frederick.	Wetherbee, John.
Partridge, David A.	Wing, Daniel.
Pierce, Edward L.	Winslow, Isaac.
Pillsbury, Albert E.	Woods, William.
Preston, David A.	Woodward, James C.

NAVS.

Messrs. Allen, Stillman B.	Messrs. Gardner, Charles L.
Ayer, Edwin.	Gargan, Thomas J.
Babson, John J.	Gilmore, Onslow.
Ballou, Monroe E.	Goodsell, Curtis B.
Bradley, Osgood, Jr.	Hale, Charles.
Chase, Frederick T.	Hapgood, Lyman S.
Cobb, John D.	Hathaway, Frederick.
Converse, Charles S.	Heywood, Samuel R.
Cook, Horace.	Holmes, Henry T.
Daniels, George F.	Howland, Weston.
Dean, Dallas J.	Huse, Caleb B.
Evans, Alonzo H.	Keith, Isaac N.
Fairbanks, George O.	Kellogg, Ensign H.
Fuller, Henry W.	Kimball, Ensign.

Messrs. King, William S. Kirtland, Edwin L. Knapp, Joel. Lawrence, Daniel W. March, Andrus. McCafferty, Matthew J. Murphy, Jeremiah. Nichols, John B. Noble, Reuben. Noonan, Daniel. Nourse, B. Alden. Osgood, Charles S. Owen, Harvey M. Parker, George G. Perry, George R. Phinney, Stephen C. Read, Charles H. Reynolds, Rice M.	Messrs. Sandford, Addison. Searle, John F. Shattuck, Elijah C. Slade, Albion K. Sleeper, Solomon S. Small, Isaiah A. Southwick, John R. Talbot, Samuel, Jr. Taylor, Oliver. Truell, Byron. Van Deusen, William I. Wellington, Austin C. Wetherell, John W. White, Joseph W. Whitney, Edward. Williams, Moses, Jr. Wilson, George C. Wilson, John G.
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Yeas, 96 ; nays, 64.

Pending the question of engrossment of the resolve as amended, the House,
 At 1.08, adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill to divide the Commonwealth into districts Council. for the choice of the Council came down passed to be engrossed in concurrence by the Senate, with amendments, in which the House concurred.

The House Bill to amend the General Statutes relative Descent and distribution of real property. to the descent and distribution of real and personal property came down passed to be engrossed in concurrence, with amendments, in which the House concurred under suspension of the rule.

The report of the committee of Conference on the Eastern Railroad Co. matters of difference between the two branches on the Bill for the relief of the Eastern Railroad Company, and the securing of its debts and liabilities, that the House should concur in the Senate amendments at [C] and [H], with amendments, and that the Senate should recede from its amendment at [J], accepted by the Senate, was read and accepted in concurrence under suspension of the rule.

Insurance Com-
missioner—sal-
ary.

The report of the committee of Conference on the matter of difference between the two branches on the House Bill to fix the salaries of the Insurance Commissioner, his deputy and clerks, that the Senate should recede from its amendment, accepted by the Senate, was read and accepted in concurrence under suspension of the rule.

Fall River char-
ter.

The House Bill to revise the charter of the city of Fall River came down passed to be engrossed in concurrence by the Senate, with amendments, in which the House concurred, under suspension of the rule.

Surgeon-Gener-
al's department
—salaries.

The House Bill establishing the salary of the clerks and messenger in the Surgeon-General's department, in the Senate amendment to which the House non-concurred, came down with the indorsement that the Senate insisted on its amendment. On motion of Mr. Ropes of Boston, the House voted to insist on its non-concurrence, and ask for a committee of conference; and Messrs. Ropes of Boston, Miner of Phillipston, and McPherson of Boston were appointed on its part, and the bill was returned to the Senate so indorsed.

Militia encamp-
ment.

A Resolve relative to encampments of the militia, introduced on leave and passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading, under suspension of the rule requiring reference to a committee.

The Bill to legalize certain doings of the town of Groton came down passed to be engrossed by the Senate, and on motion of Mr. Osgood of Salem took its several readings under suspension of the rules, and was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Orders.

Pay-roll.

On motion of Mr. Wallace of Weymouth,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Pay Roll make up the pay-roll of the members of the House.

Savings bank
bill.

The following Order, offered by Mr. Garity of Lowell, was adopted under suspension of the 23d joint rule, and sent up for concurrence:—

Ordered, That 3,000 copies of the law in relation to savings banks and institutions for savings be printed for the use of members of the Legislature.

Reports of Committees.

Voting lists.

By Mr. Hale of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom were referred the Senate amendments

to the House Bill relating to the preparation of the voting lists, and elections in cities, that the House should concur in the amendments.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, to whom was referred the Senate amendment to the House Bill relating to the attendance of officers upon district courts, that the House should concur in the amendment.

Attendance of officers on courts.

Severally read and accepted under suspension of the rule, and the House took the action recommended by the committee.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, that the Senate Bill to amend chapter 103 of the General Statutes, and chapter 188 of the Acts of the year 1874, relating to sales of land and rights on execution (being a new draft of a House bill), ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow forenoon.

Sales of land on execution.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, to whom were referred the Senate amendments to the House Bill concerning the adoption of children, that the House should concur in the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the amendment at [A], and asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Senate amendment at [B], in which the House non-concurred, and upon which the Senate insisted. Read and accepted under suspension of the rule.

Adoption of children.

Mr. Churchill of Boston then moved that the House recede from its non-concurrence in the amendment at [B], which was agreed to.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Senate Bill to enable towns to vote in wards. The committee was discharged, and the bill was placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow forenoon.

Town vote by wards.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, to whom were referred the Senate amendments to the House Bill to authorize the division of Ward 22 in the city of Boston into two wards, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the same. The committee was discharged, and the bill was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow forenoon, the question being on concurring in the said amendments.

Ward 22, Boston.

By Mr. Nutter of East Bridgewater, from the committee of Conference to whom were referred the matters of difference between the two branches on the House Bill

Board of State Charities employees.

relating to certain employes of the Board of State Charities, that the committee were unable to agree, and asking to be discharged. Read, accepted under suspension of the rule, and sent up for concurrence.

Centennial records.

By Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, from the committee on Federal Relations, to whom was referred a communication from His Excellency the Governor, transmitting a resolution of Congress recommending the adoption of measures to obtain record of the progress of our institutions during the past century, that the following Order should be adopted:—

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Commonwealth transmit to the clerks of the several cities and towns in the Commonwealth a copy of the joint resolution of Congress on the celebration of the centennial in the several counties or towns, transmitted to the Senate by His Excellency the Governor, April 24, 1876.

Read, accepted, and the order adopted under suspension of the rule, and sent up for concurrence.

State tax.

By Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the committee on Finance, on so much of the Governor's address as relates to the finances of the Commonwealth, a Bill to apportion and assess a state tax of \$1,800,000. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Veto Message.

Parton.

A message was received from His Excellency the Governor, returning, with his objections thereto, the Bill to confirm the marriage of James Parton and Ellen Willis Eldredge.

The message, which was as follows, was read:—

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
BOSTON, April 27, 1876. }

To the House of Representatives:

I herewith return to the House of Representatives, in which it originated, "An Act to confirm the Marriage of James Parton and Ellen Willis Eldredge," without approval, for the reason that, upon the best information which I possess or can obtain, said Act appears to be contrary to sound principles of legislation, and to the good of society.

Chapter 106 of the General Statutes of this Commonwealth prohibits marriage between persons bearing certain kinship or relation to each other; and among others, it is provided that no man shall marry his step-daughter, and

that no woman shall marry her step-father ; and this general law is binding upon all the people of the Commonwealth.

I understand the facts in this case to be, that James Parton and Ellen Willis Eldredge, standing to each other in the relation of step-father and step-daughter, on the third day of February, 1876, went through the ceremony of marriage, for the purpose of becoming husband and wife, and thereafter cohabited in violation of the statute above cited ; and that the bill, herewith returned, assumes to suspend the general law in favor of the persons named in this Act. Unless, therefore, the Legislature has authority thus to suspend a general law, the Act in question is invalid.

I am advised, that, under the provisions of Articles 10, 12 and 20 of the Bill of Rights, an Act suspending—in favor of individuals—a general law which affects the life, liberty or property of citizens, is unconstitutional ; because, by the suspending law, the general law is made to restrain persons arbitrarily and not in common with all others in like circumstances, and, therefore, is not according to “the law of the land” ; and that our courts have decided that the Legislature may suspend the operation of the general laws of the State ; but when it does so, the suspension must be general, and cannot be made for individual cases, or for particular localities. The authorities which might be cited in support of such decision, are numerous, and apparently conclusive.

This principle does not conflict with the validity of laws legalizing the doings of persons who have assumed to act when not empowered to do so,—as justices of the peace, officers authorized to solemnize marriages, sheriffs, etc., etc. ; because such laws are not those of arbitrary exemption in favor of one person, but confirmatory laws affecting and embracing all persons who come within the same category. Thus, if the persons named in this bill had been those who might lawfully have entered into marriage relation, and in attempting to do so the marriage ceremony had been performed by a person not qualified to solemnize a marriage, the Legislature might properly confirm the act of such person, and thus bring the parties within the provisions of the general law. But the parties interested in this bill appear to have never been married, for the reason that they could not enter into the marriage relation.

If I rightly interpret the present Act, the General Court did not intend to confirm the marriage of James Parton

and Ellen Willis Eldredge in any other mode than by exempting them from the operation of the general law prohibiting marriages within certain degrees of relationship. It is manifest that there was no intention to repeal the general law, because by the terms of this Act it is confined to the two persons named therein; it seems obvious, therefore, that the intention of this Act is to confirm their marriage by exempting these two persons from the operation of the general law, which I understand not to be within the constitutional power of the Legislature.

For these and for other considerations, social, moral and religious, involving also possibly the rights of property and of legitimacy, I feel compelled to withhold my approval of this bill, and to return it for the further consideration and action of the Legislature.

(Signed)

ALEXANDER H. RICE.

The question being "Shall the bill pass, notwithstanding the objections of His Excellency the Governor," the consideration of the matter was postponed until to-morrow, on motion of Mr. Pierce of Milton.

Bills Enacted.

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills:

Relating to the attendance of officers upon district courts;

For the protection of trout, land-locked salmon and lake trout;

To fix the salary of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and of the persons employed in the Secretary's department;

In relation to the appointment of special commissioners for alteration of railroad crossings;

Relating to state aid paid on account of children born after the death of the father;

To divide the Commonwealth into districts for the choice of the Council;

To amend the General Statutes relative to the descent and distribution of real and personal property;

To fix the salaries of the Insurance Commissioner, his deputy and clerks;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;) and

To regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors;

(Which originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

An engrossed Resolve in aid of the Massachusetts Agricultural College (which originated in the House of Representatives) was passed, signed, and sent to the Senate. Resolve passed.

Introduced on Leave.

By Mr. Hale of Boston, a Resolve concerning the printing of laws relating to elections. Read and considered under suspension of the 20th joint rule, and sent up for concurrence in the suspension of the rule. Election laws.

The motion of Mr. Coggshall of Fitchburg to suspend the 20th joint rule, to allow the reference to a committee of the petition of the mayor of Fitchburg for the passage of an Act authorizing said city to purchase land for a public park, laid over from this forenoon, was withdrawn, and the same gentleman asked leave to introduce a bill to authorize the city of Fitchburg to purchase land for a public park. The House refused to grant leave for the introduction of the bill. Fitchburg.

Motions to Reconsider.

Mr. Gargan of Boston moved to reconsider the vote whereby the House receded from its non-concurrence in a Senate amendment to the House Bill concerning the adoption of children. Adoption of children.

Mr. J. W. Hill of Boston moved to reconsider the vote whereby the House passed to be engrossed the Resolve to provide for repairing the State Arsenal at South Framingham. State Arsenal.

These motions were severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Hale of Boston moved to reconsider the vote whereby the House passed to be engrossed the Resolve instructing the Attorney-General to institute proceedings against certain officials of the Boston and Albany Railroad. Boston & Albany Railroad.

The yeas and nays being ordered, on motion of Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, the House voted to reconsider, 76 yeas to 65 nays, as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. Allen, Stillman B.
Appell, J. Franklin.
Atkinson, Michael.

Messrs. Babson, John J.
Ballou, Monroe E.
Bird, Warren P.

Messrs. Bradley, Osgood, Jr.	Messrs. Mayo, Edward F.
Breed, Amos F.	McCafferty, Matthew J.
Brownell, Lysander N.	Murphy, Jeremiah.
Bugbee, Francis.	Murphy, John J.
Chase, Frederick T.	Noble, Reuben.
Cobb, John D.	Noonan, Daniel.
Coburn, Edward.	Nourse, B. Alden.
Converse, Charles S.	Osgood, Charles S.
Cook, Horace.	Owen, Harvey M.
Cook, John H.	Read, Charles H.
Dean, Dallas J.	Robinson, Wallace F.
Dean, Herbert A.	Root, Joseph H.
Doane, Freeman.	Ropes, Joseph S.
Doherty, Neil.	Rust, Nathaniel J.
Evans, Alonzo H.	Sherman, Elon.
Fairbanks, George O.	Slade, Albion K.
Fisk, Luther.	Sleeper, Solomon S.
Fiske, Wesley L.	Small, Isaiah A.
Foque, Theodore N.	Smith, Newton.
Fuller, Henry W.	Stacey, Benjamin F.
Gardner, Charles L.	Swett, Jackson B.
Gargan, Thomas J.	Talbot, Samuel, Jr.
Gibbons, John M.	Taylor, Charles A.
Goodsell, Curtis B.	Van Deusen, William I.
Hale, Charles.	Wade, Levi C.
Hannum, Leander M.	Walden, Edwin.
Hapgood, Lyman S.	Wellington, Austin C.
Hathaway, Frederick.	Wetherell, John W.
Holmes, Henry T.	Whicher, John D.
Keith, Ambrose.	White, James.
Keith, Isaac N.	White, Joseph W.
Keith, Monroe.	Whitney, Edward.
Kimball, Ensign.	Williams, Moses, Jr.
King, William S.	Wilson, George C.
Lawrence, Daniel W.	Wilson, John G.

NATS.

Messrs. Adams, Ebenezer.	Messrs. Estabrook, Adin C.
Barry, Patrick.	Fish, William W.
Bartlett, James E. T.	Gleason, Samuel S.
Bowen, Francis C.	Granger, George W.
Bryant, Orrin.	Hartt, Joseph T.
Carney, Michael.	Hawks, Alanson K.
Clapp, Frederick W.	Hill, Henry B.
Clark, John P.	Hill, John B.
Coggshall, Henry F.	Hill, Joseph W.
Crocker, Elisha, Jr.	Holley, Richard.
Curtiss, Albert W.	Hunt, Jonas S.
Danforth, Charles H.	Jenks, Thomas L.
Downer, Francis E.	Kellogg, Ensign H.

<p>Messrs. Knowlton, Henry C. Knowlton, Hosea M. Lee, Henry. Loud, Charles A. Mackintosh, James. Mann, Seth, 2d. McPherson, Eben'r M. Merritt, Christopher C. Merritt, George W. Miner, Henry S. Morse, Elijah A. Morse, William. Moseley, Frederick P. Norton, John B. Osborn, Weaver. Parker, Frederick. Pierce, Edward L. Pillsbury, Albert E. Pope, Charles G. Preston, David A.</p>	<p>Messrs. Prouty, David. Reed, George R. Reed, George W. Rice, Charles B. Seymour, Stephen E. Shattuck, Calvin W. Smith, Robert D. Smith, Webster. Snow, Samuel. Spaulding, Mark H. Stevens, James T. Supple, James F. Wadsworth, Alexander. Ward, Alanson W. Washburn, John D. Watts, William. Webster, David L. Winslow, Isaac. Woods, William.</p>
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Yeas, 76 ; nays, 65.

Mr. Hale then moved to reconsider the vote whereby the House adopted an amendment to the resolve inserting a preamble after the title, and on motion of Mr. Loud of Winchendon the consideration of the matter was postponed until to-morrow.

Boston & Albany Railroad.

Discharged from the Orders.

On motion of Mr. Osgood of Salem, the Bill to provide for the exchange of certain bonds and promissory notes, payable to bearer, for registered bonds and promissory notes, was discharged from the orders of the day. Read, and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow forenoon, with an amendment moved by Mr. Osgood ; the main question being on ordering the bill to a third reading.

Bonds, promissory notes, etc.

Orders of the Day.

Bills :

Orders of the day.

To authorize the county commissioners of the county of Barnstable to lay out a highway over land of the Commonwealth in the towns of Truro and Provincetown ; and

In relation to burial permits and records of deaths in the city of Boston (amended as recommended by the committee on the Judiciary) ;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to supply the city of Worcester with pure water was read a second time, and under suspension of the rule was again read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill in regard to the manufacture, storage, use, transportation and sale of explosive compounds was read, amended on motions of Messrs. Hale of Boston and Williams of Brookline, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to amend chapter 148 of the General Statutes, concerning meadows, was read, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Resolve instructing the Attorney-General to institute proceedings against certain officials of the Boston and Albany Railroad was further considered, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill in relation to public printing, binding and stationery was read, and on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston was indefinitely postponed.

At 5.40, adjourned.

FRIDAY, April 28, 1876.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Clapp of Framingham,—

Limit of debate.

Ordered, That no member shall occupy more than five minutes' time in debate upon any one question, except by leave of the House.

Recess.

On motion of Mr. Phinney of Plymouth, it was—

Voted, That at the close of this afternoon's session the House take a recess until 7 o'clock.

Papers from the Senate.

Appropriation bill. No. 3.

The House Bill making appropriations to meet certain expenditures authorized the present year, and for other purposes, came down passed to be engrossed in concurrence, with an amendment, in which the House concurred, under suspension of the rule.

The Resolve concerning the printing of laws relating to elections came down passed to be engrossed by the Senate, under suspension of the rules; and on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, the rules were suspended, and the resolve took its several readings, and was passed to be engrossed in concurrence. Election laws.

The Bill to authorize the town of Malden to issue additional water fund bonds came down passed to be engrossed by the Senate, under suspension of the rules; and on motion of Mr. Foque of Malden, the rules were suspended, the bill took its several readings, and was passed to be engrossed in concurrence. Malden water bonds.

Bills Enacted.

Engrossed bills :

Bills enacted.

To legalize certain doings of the town of Groton ;

For the supply of water to the State Hospital for the Insane in Danvers ;

Relating to the preparation of the voting lists, and elections in cities ;

Concerning municipal, police and district courts, and the taxation of costs in civil and criminal cases in said courts, and by justices of the peace and trial justices ;

To provide for the appointment of an additional commissioner of savings banks ;

To authorize further expenditures for the completion of the new hospital for the insane at Worcester, and providing for the same ;

Authorizing certain railroad corporations to hold stock in the Union Freight Railway Company ;

To fix the compensation of the Lieutenant-Governor and Council, and the employés of the executive department ;

To incorporate the Springfield Safe Deposit and Trust Company ;

Concerning the adoption of children ;

To revise the charter of the city of Fall River ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives) ; and

To amend chapter 148 of the General Statutes, concerning meadows ;

(Which originated in the Senate ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Union Freight
Railway Co.

On the question of enactment of the Bill authorizing certain railroad corporations to hold stock in the Union Freight Railway Company the yeas and nays were ordered, on motion of Mr. Heywood of Worcester, and the roll being called, it was passed to be enacted by a vote of 105 yeas to 93 nays, as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. Abbe, James.

Atkinson, Michael.
Bailey, Daniel D.
Ballou, Monroe E.
Barker, Giles G.
Bartlett, Daniel W.
Batchelor, Benjamin S.
Bird, Warren P.
Bryant, Orrin.
Buckminster, Joseph.
Clapp, Frederick W.
Clark, John P.
Cobb, John D.
Cook, Horace.
Cordis, Thomas F.
Crocker, Elisha, Jr.
Dean, Dallas J.
Dean, Herbert A.
Dennis, Henry, Jr.
Doane, Freeman.
Fairbanks, George O.
Fisk, Luther.
Fuller, Henry W.
Gargan, Thomas J.
Goodsell, Curtis B.
Hale, Charles.
Hannum, Leander M.
Hartt, Joseph T.
Hartwell, James D.
Haskell, George.
Hathaway, Frederick.
Hathaway, Isaac N.
Hill, Henry B.
Hill, Joseph W.
Holley, Richard.
Howland, Weston.
Hunt, Jonas S.
Huse, Caleb B.
Jones, Jesse H.
Keith, Ambrose.
Keith, Isaac N.

Messrs. Kendall, Edward.

Kimball, Ensign.
King, William S.
Knapp, Joel.
Knowlton, Hosea M.
Lee, Henry.
Lindsey, Nathaniel E.
Mann, Seth, 2d.
Merritt, Christopher C.
Merritt, George W.
Mitchell, Joseph, 2d.
Morissey, John.
Moseley, Frederick P.
Nelson, Sherman.
Nutter, Isaac N.
Osborn, Weaver.
Osgood, Charles S.
Owen, Harvey M.
Paul, Joseph F.
Perry, George R.
Phinney, Stephen C.
Pierce, Edward L.
Preston, David A.
Putnam, Henry W.
Read, Charles H.
Read, Henry C.
Read, Washington.
Reed, George R.
Reed, George W.
Rice, Charles B.
Ropes, Joseph S.
Russell, Solomon N.
Sawin, Samuel D.
Sherman, Elon.
Slade, Albion K.
Sleeper, Solomon S.
Small, Isaiah A.
Smith, Newton.
Smith, Robert D.
Southwick, John R.
Spaulding, Mark H.

Messrs. Stevens, James T.
 Stone, Frederick M.
 Swett, Noah.
 Tuttle, Henry G.
 Van Deusen, William I.
 Wadsworth, Alexander.
 Walden, Edwin.
 Wallace, William S.
 Waterman, Eleazer E.
 Watts, William.
 Wetherbee, John.
 Whicher, John D.

Messrs. White, Benjamin.
 White, James.
 White, Joseph W.
 Whitney, Edward.
 Williams, Moses, Jr.
 Wilson, George C.
 Wilson, John G.
 Wing, Daniel.
 Winship, Thomas.
 Winslow, Isaac.
 Woods, William.

NAYS.

Messrs. Allen, Stillman B.
 Alley, William A.
 Amsden, Edwin.
 Appell, J. Franklin.
 Ayer, Edwin.
 Babson, John J.
 Barry, Patrick.
 Bowen, Francis C.
 Breed, Amos F.
 Brownell, Lysander N.
 Bugbee, Francis.
 Capron, Charles C.
 Carney, Michael.
 Chase, Frederick T.
 Clapp, Lafayette.
 Coburn, Edward.
 Converse, Charles S.
 Cook, John H.
 Curtiss, Albert W.
 Danforth, Charles H.
 Daniels, George F.
 Doherty, Neil.
 Estabrook, Adin C.
 Fish, William W.
 Fiske, Wesley L.
 Freeto, John.
 Fuller, Charles.
 Gardner, Charles L.
 Gilmore, Onslow.
 Gleason, Samuel S.
 Granger, George W.
 Hall, Andrew.
 Hapgood, Lyman S.
 Hawks, Alanson K.
 Heywood, Samuel B.
 Hicks, Samuel D.

Messrs. Hitchings, Otis M.
 Hoffman, Ira W.
 Holmes, Henry T.
 Howe, George F.
 Ingalls, Ephraim A.
 Jenks, Thomas L.
 Kellogg, Ensign H.
 Kennedy, Patrick.
 Kingsbury, Joseph A.
 Kirtland, Edwin L.
 Knowles, John.
 Knowlton, Henry C.
 Loud, Charles A.
 Mackintosh, James.
 March, Andrus.
 Mayo, Edward F.
 McPherson, Eben'r M.
 Miner, Henry S.
 Morrill, George W.
 Morse, Elijah A.
 Morse, William.
 Murphy, Jeremiah.
 Nichols, John B.
 Noonan, Daniel.
 Norton, John B.
 Nourse, B. Alden.
 Parker, Frederick.
 Partridge, David A.
 Pillsbury, Albert E.
 Prouty, David.
 Reynolds, Rice M.
 Richmond, Jonathan C.
 Robinson, Wallace F.
 Root, Joseph H.
 Sandford, Addison.
 Sawyer, Ebenezer.

Messrs. Searle, John F.	Messrs. Thayer, Davis, Jr.
Seymour, Stephen E.	Truell, Byron.
Shattuck, Calvin W.	Wade, Levi C.
Shattuck, Elijah C.	Ward, Alanson W.
Smith, Andrew.	Warren, Alonzo.
Smith, Webster.	Washburn, John D.
Stacey, Benjamin F.	Webster, David L.
Supple, James F.	Wellington, Austin C.
Swett, Jackson B.	Wetherell, John W.
Taylor, Charles A.	Wood, Eliphaz H.
Taylor, Oliver.	

Yeas, 105 ; nays, 93.

Resolve passed. An engrossed Resolve to provide for repairing the State Arsenal at South Framingham (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Motions to Reconsider.

Public printing. Mr. Loud of Winchendon moved to reconsider the vote by which the House yesterday afternoon indefinitely postponed the Bill in relation to public printing, binding and stationery. The motion was lost.

Fitchburg park. The same gentleman moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the House yesterday afternoon refused leave for the introduction of a bill to authorize the city of Fitchburg to purchase land for a public park. The motion prevailed ; and the House refusing to suspend the 20th joint rule, the bill was referred to the next General Court.

Introduced on Leave.

Idiotic and feeble-minded youth.

By Mr. Washburn of Worcester, a Resolve in favor of the Massachusetts School for Idiotic and Feeble-minded Youth. The resolve was referred to the next General Court, the House refusing to suspend the 20th joint rule, as moved by Mr. Washburn.

Taken from the Table.

Boston ward officers.

On motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, the Bill relating to ward officers of the city of Boston.

On motion of Mr. Hale, the House insisted on its non-concurrence in the Senate amendment at [B], and the bill was returned to the Senate so indorsed.

Orders of the Day.

The Bill to amend chapter 103 of the General Statutes, ^{Orders of the day.} and chapter 188 of the Acts of the year 1874, relating to sales of lands and rights on execution was read, and, under suspension of the rules, took its third reading, and was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Bill to provide for the exchange of certain bonds and promissory notes, payable to bearer, for registered bonds and promissory notes, was further considered, amended as moved by Mr. Osgood of Salem, and the title amended by the addition of the words "and for other purposes." Under suspension of the rule, the bill at once took its third reading, and was passed to be engrossed in concurrence, and sent up for concurrence in the amendment.

The Bill to authorize the county commissioners of the county of Barnstable to lay out a highway over land of the Commonwealth in the towns of Truro and Provincetown was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Bill to apportion and assess a state tax of \$1,800,000 was read, and under suspension of the rule took its third reading at once, and was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The motion of Mr. Gargan of Boston to reconsider the vote whereby the House receded from its non-concurrence in a Senate amendment to the House Bill concerning the adoption of children, and the motion of Mr. J. W. Hill of Boston to reconsider the vote whereby the House passed to be engrossed the Resolve to provide for repairing the State Arsenal at South Framingham, were severally lost.

The motion of Mr. Hale of Boston to reconsider the vote whereby the House yesterday adopted an amendment to the Resolve instructing the Attorney-General to institute proceedings against certain officials of the Boston and Albany Railroad, inserting a preamble after the title of the resolve, was carried. Pending the recurring question on amending by inserting the preamble, the preamble was amended on motion of Mr. Pierce of Milton and put in the form of a separate resolve; and the yeas and nays being ordered on motion of Mr. Loud of Winchendon, the House refused to insert it by a vote of 94 yeas to 97 nays; as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Alley, William A.	Messrs. Mackintosh, James.
Appell, J. Franklin.	Mann, Seth, 2d.
Barry, Patrick.	March, Andrus.
Bartlett, James E. T.	McPherson, Eben'r M.
Batchelor, Benjamin S.	Merritt, Christopher C.
Bird, Warren A.	Merritt, George W.
Bowen, Francis C.	Miner, Henry S.
Brownell, Lysander N.	Morrill, George W.
Carney, Michael.	Morse, Elijah A.
Churchill, Gardner A.	Moseley, Frederick P.
Clapp, Frederick W.	Nelson, Sherman.
Clapp, Lafayette.	Norton, John B.
Clark, John P.	Parker, Frederick.
Coggshall, Henry F.	Paul, Joseph F.
Danforth, Charles H.	Pierce, Edward L.
Dennis, Henry, Jr.	Pillsbury, Albert E.
Doherty, Neil.	Pope, Charles G.
Downer, Francis E.	Preston, David A.
Estabrook, Adin C.	Prouty, David.
Fish, William W.	Putnam, Henry W.
Fiske, Wesley L.	Reed, George W.
Freeto, John.	Rice, Charles B.
Gleason, Samuel S.	Richmond, Jonathan C.
Hall, Andrew.	Ropes, Joseph S.
Hartt, Joseph T.	Sawyer, Enoch.
Haskell, George.	Seymour, Stephen E.
Hawkes, Nathan M.	Shattuck, Calvin W.
Hawks, Alanson K.	Smith, Robert D.
Hill, Henry B.	Smith, Webster.
Hill, John B.	Snow, Samuel.
Hoffman, Ira W.	Spaulding, Mark H.
Howe, George F.	Stevens, James T.
Hunt, Jonas S.	Stone, Frederick M.
Ingalls, Ephraim A.	Swett, Noah.
Jenks, Thomas L.	Tuttle, Henry G.
Jones, Jesse H.	Wadsworth, Alexander.
Keith, Ambrose.	Wallace, William S.
Keith, Monroe.	Ward, Alanson W.
Kendall, Edward.	Warren, Alonzo.
Kennedy, Patrick.	Washburn, John D.
Kingsbury, Joseph A.	Watts, William.
Knowles, John.	Webster, David L.
Knowlton, Henry C.	Wetherbee, John.
Knowlton, Hosea M.	Wing, Daniel.
Lindsey, Nathaniel E.	Winslow, Isaac.
Longley, Samuel.	Wood, Eliphaz H.
Loud, Charles A.	Woodward, James C.

NATS.

Messrs. Allen, Stillman B.
 Atkinson, Michael.
 Ayer, Edwin.
 Babson, John J.
 Bailey, Daniel D.
 Ballou, Monroe E.
 Barker, Giles G.
 Bartlett, Daniel W.
 Bird, Warren P.
 Bradley, Osgood, Jr.
 Breed, Amos F.
 Buckminster, Joseph.
 Bugbee, Francis.
 Burr, Isaac T.
 Chase, Frederick T.
 Cobb, John D.
 Coburn, Edward.
 Converse, Charles S.
 Cook, Horace.
 Cook, John H.
 Cordis, Thomas F.
 Curtiss, Albert W.
 Daniels, George F.
 Dean, Dallas J.
 Evans, Alonzo H.
 Fairbanks, George O.
 Fisk, Luther.
 Fuller, Charles.
 Fuller, Henry W.
 Gardner, Charles L.
 Gibbons, John M.
 Goodsell, Curtis B.
 Granger, George W.
 Hale, Charles.
 Hapgood, Lyman S.
 Hartwell, James D.
 Hathaway, Frederick.
 Hathaway, Isaac N.
 Heywood, Samuel R.
 Holmes, Henry T.
 Howland, Weston.
 Huse, Caleb B.
 Keith, Isaac N.
 Kimball, Ensign.
 King, William S.
 Kirtland, Edwin L.
 Knapp, Joel.

Messrs. Lawrence, Daniel W.
 Lee, Henry.
 McCafferty, Matthew J.
 Morissey, John.
 Murphy, Jeremiah.
 Nichols, John B.
 Noble, Reuben.
 Noonan, Daniel.
 Nourse, B. Alden.
 Nutter, Isaac N.
 Osborn, Weaver.
 Osgood, Charles S.
 Owen, Harvey M.
 Parker, George G.
 Perry, George R.
 Phinney, Stephen C.
 Read, Charles H.
 Read, Washington.
 Robinson, Wallace F.
 Rogers, Charles A.
 Root, Joseph H.
 Russell, Solomon N.
 Sandford, Addison.
 Sawin, Samuel D.
 Shattuck, Elijah C.
 Sherman, Elon.
 Slade, Albion K.
 Sleeper, Solomon S.
 Small, Isaiah A.
 Southwick, John R.
 Stacey, Benjamin F.
 Swett, Jackson B.
 Talbot, Samuel, Jr.
 Taylor, Charles A.
 Taylor, Oliver.
 Thayer, Davis, Jr.
 Truell, Byron.
 Van Deusen, William I.
 Wade, Levi C.
 Walden, Edwin.
 Wellington, Austin C.
 Wetherell, John W.
 Whicher, John D.
 White, Benjamin.
 White, Joseph W.
 Whitney, Edward.
 Williams, Moses, Jr.

Messrs. Wilson, George C.
Wilson, John G.

Yeas, 94 ; nays, 97.

The resolve reported by the committee was then amended on motion of Mr. Smith of Boston, passed to be engrossed as amended, and sent up for concurrence.

At 1.08, adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Papers from the Senate.

**Danvers hospi-
tal.**

The House Bill in further addition to an Act to establish a hospital for the insane in the north-eastern part of the Commonwealth came down passed to be engrossed in concurrence, with an amendment, in which the House concurred.

Boston ward officers.

The House Bill relating to ward officers in the city of Boston came down indorsed that the Senate insisted on its amendment at [B]. On motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, the House voted to recede from its non-concurrence in the amendment.

Burial permits.

The Senate Bill in relation to burial permits and records of deaths in the city of Boston, which was passed to be engrossed in concurrence by the House, with amendments, and sent up for concurrence in the amendments, came down with the indorsement that the Senate non-concurred. On motion of Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, the House voted to insist upon its amendments, and ask for a committee of conference; and Messrs. Hawkes of Lynn, and Hale and Allen of Boston were appointed on its part. The Bill was returned to the Senate indorsed accordingly. (See Orders of the Day.)

**Everett—East-
ern Railroad
station.**

Notice was received from the Senate of the rejection by that branch of the House Bill requiring the Eastern Railroad Company to erect a station-house in Everett.

**Board of State
Charities em-
ployés.**

The House Bill relating to certain employes of the Board of State Charities was returned from the Senate, the report of the committee of Conference on the matters of difference between the two branches on the bill, asking to be discharged, having been accepted by the Senate in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Nutter of East Bridgewater, the House voted to ask for a new committee of conference; and Messrs. Wade of Newton, Nourse of Westborough, and Snow of Barnstable were appointed on its part. Sent up for concurrence.

Subsequently, in consequence of the absence of Mr. Wade, Mr. Purtridge of Medway was appointed in his place.

The Resolve instructing the Attorney-General to institute proceedings against certain officials of the Boston and Albany Railroad came down passed to be engrossed in concurrence by the Senate, with an amendment inserting after the title a preamble, reading as follows:—

Boston & Albany Railroad resolve.

"Whereas, Chester W. Chapin, Moses Kimball and Ignatius Sargent, while all were directors and the former was president of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company, caused a lease to be made between the Ware River Railroad Company and the Boston and Albany Railroad Company, which was intended to inure and did inure to their private emolument and advantage, and thus to the injury of the stockholders of the Boston and Albany Railroad, whose agents and trustees they were and whose interests they were bound to protect; and whereas, in the said transaction and otherwise the said Chapin, Kimball and Sargent have been guilty of a violation of their official duty and have acted in a manner inconsistent with the honorable and faithful discharge of their said trusts; therefore,—"

On motion of Mr. Osgood of Salem, the yeas and nays were ordered on the question of concurrence in the amendment, and the roll being called, the House refused to concur by a vote of 67 yeas to 126 nays, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Alley, William A.
Appell, J. Franklin.
Barry, Patrick.
Bartlett, James E. T.
Bird, Warren A.
Bowen, Francis C.
Brownell, Lysander N.
Bryant, Orrin.
Carney, Michael.
Clapp, Frederick W.
Clapp, Lafayette.
Clark, John P.

Messrs. Coggshall, Henry F.
Danforth, Charles H.
Downer, Francis E.
Estabrook, Adin C.
Fish, William W.
Freeto, John.
Gleason Samuel S.
Hartt, Joseph T.
Hawkes, Nathan M.
Hawks, Alanson K.
Hill, Henry B.
Hoffman, Ira W.

Messrs. Howe, George F.	Messrs. Pillsbury, Albert E.
Hunt, Jonas S.	Preston, David A.
Ingalls, Ephraim A.	Putnam, Henry W.
Jenks, Thomas L.	Reed, George W.
Kingsbury, Joseph A.	Seymour, Stephen E.
Knowlton, Hosea M.	Smith, Robert D.
Longley, Samuel.	Smith, Webster.
Loud, Charles A.	Spaulding, Mark H.
Mackintosh, James.	Stevens, James T.
Mann, Seth, 2d.	Swett, Noah.
March, Andrus.	Tuttle, Henry G.
McPherson, Eben'r M.	Wadsworth, Alexander.
Merritt, Christopher C.	Wallace, William S.
Merritt, George W.	Ward, Alanson W.
Miner, Henry S.	Warren, Alonzo.
Morse, Elijah A.	Washburn, John D.
Moseley, Frederick P.	Watts, William.
Nelson, Sherman.	Webster, David L.
Norton, John B.	Wetherbee, John.
Parker, Frederick.	Winslow, Isaac.
Partridge, David A.	Woodward, James C.
Paul, Joseph F.	

NAYS.

Messrs. Abbe, James.	Messrs. Dean, Dallas J.
Allen, Stillman B.	Dean, Herbert A.
Amsden, Edwin.	Dennis, Henry, Jr.
Atkinson, Michael.	Doane, Freeman.
Ayer, Edwin.	Doherty, Neil.
Babson, John J.	Evans, Alonzo H.
Bailey, Daniel D.	Fairbanks, George O.
Barker, Giles G.	Fiske, Wesley L.
Batchelor, Benjamin S.	Foque, Theodore N.
Bates, Eliakim A.	Fuller, Charles.
Bird, Warren P.	Fuller, Henry W.
Bradley, Osgood, Jr.	Gardner, Charles L.
Breed, Amos F.	Gargan, Thomas J.
Buckminster, Joseph.	Garity, Thomas R.
Bugbee, Francis.	Gibbons, John M.
Burr, Isaac T.	Gilmore, Onslow.
Capron, Charles C.	Goodsell, Curtis B.
Chase, Frederick T.	Hale, Charles.
Cobb, John D.	Hall, Andrew.
Coburn, Edward.	Hannum, Leander M.
Converse, Charles S.	Hartwell, James D.
Cook, Horace.	Hathaway, Frederick.
Cook, John H.	Hathaway, Isaac N.
Cordis, Thomas F.	Heywood, Samuel R.
Curtiss, Albert W.	Hicks, Samuel D.
Daniels, George F.	Hill, Joseph W.

Messrs. Hitchings, Otis M.
 Holmes, Henry T.
 Howland, Weston.
 Huse, Caleb B.
 Jones, Jesse H.
 Keith, Ambrose.
 Keith, Isaac N.
 Keith, Monroe.
 Kellogg, Ensign H.
 Kendall, Edward.
 Kimball, Ensign.
 King, William S.
 Kirtland, Edwin L.
 Knapp, Joel.
 Lawrence, Daniel W.
 Lee, Henry.
 Mayo, Edward F.
 McCafferty, Matthew J.
 Mooney, Thomas.
 Murphy, Jeremiah.
 Nichols, John B.
 Noble, Reuben.
 Noonan, Daniel.
 Nourse, B. Alden.
 Nutter, Isaac N.
 Osgood, Charles S.
 Owen, Harvey M.
 Parker, George G.
 Perry, George R.
 Phinney, Stephen C.
 Read, Charles H.
 Read, Washington.
 Reynolds, Rice M.
 Rice, Charles B.
 Richmond, Jonathan C.
 Robinson, Wallace F.
 Rogers, Charles A.

Messrs. Root, Joseph H.
 Ropes, Joseph S.
 Russell, Solomon N.
 Sandford, Addison.
 Sawin, Samuel D.
 Sawyer, Ebenezer.
 Searle, John F.
 Sherman, Elon.
 Slade, Albion K.
 Sleeper, Solomon S.
 Small, Isaiah A.
 Smith, Andrew.
 Smith, Newton.
 Snow, Samuel.
 Southwick, John R.
 Stacey, Benjamin F.
 Sullivan, Michael.
 Swett, Jackson B.
 Talbot, Samuel, Jr.
 Taylor, Charles A.
 Taylor, Oliver.
 Truell, Byron.
 Van Deusen, William I.
 Walden, Edwin.
 Wellington, Austin C.
 Wetherell, John W.
 Whicher, John D.
 White, Benjamin.
 White, James.
 White, Joseph W.
 Whitney, Edward.
 Williams, Moses, Jr.
 Wilson, George C.
 Wilson, John G.
 Wing, Daniel.
 Winship, Thomas.
 Wood, Eliphaz H.

Yeas, 67; nays, 126.

On motion of Mr. Ropes of Boston, the House voted to ask for a committee of conference; and Messrs. Ropes of Boston, Stone of Waltham, and Kellogg of Pittsfield were appointed. The bill was returned to the Senate indorsed accordingly.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate Bill to enable towns to vote in wards was Orders of the day. read and rejected.

The Resolve relative to encampment of the militia was read, amended on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston by substituting a resolve relating to militia encampments in the present year, took its third reading at once, as amended, and was passed to be engrossed in concurrence, under suspension of the rule, and sent up for concurrence in the amendment.

The Bill in relation to burial permits and records of deaths in the city of Boston was read. The title was amended by substituting the word "cities" for the words "the city of Boston," and the bill was passed to be engrossed in concurrence, and sent up for concurrence in the amendments.

The Senate amendments to the Bill to authorize the division of Ward 22 in the city of Boston into two wards were considered and concurred in.

The question was put on passing the Bill to confirm the marriage of James Parton and Ellen Willis Eldredge, notwithstanding the objections of His Excellency the Governor; and the roll being called, the House refused to pass the bill,—yeas, 88; nays, 114,—two-thirds not voting in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays were as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Allen, Stillman B.
Atkinson, Michael.
Bailey, Daniel D.
Ballou, Monroe E.
Barker, Giles G.
Bartlett, Daniel W.
Bartlett, James E. T.
Bates, Eliakim A.
Bird, Warren A.
Bird, Warren P.
Buckminster, Joseph.
Capron, Charles C.
Clapp, Lafayette.
Cook, Horace.
Cook, John H.
Cordis, Thomas F.
Crocker, Elisha, Jr.
Danforth, Charles H.
Dean, Herbert A.
Estabrook, Adin C.
Fisk, Luther.
Foque, Theodore N.

Messrs. Gibbons, John M.
Goodsell, Curtis B.
Hannum, Leander M.
Hapgood, Lyman S.
Hathaway, Frederick.
Hawkes, Nathan M.
Hawks, Alanson K.
Heywood, Samuel B.
Hill, John B.
Hill, Joseph W.
Hitchings, Otis M.
Hoffman, Ira W.
Holmes, Henry T.
Howland, Weston.
Huse, Caleb B.
Keith, Isaac N.
Kimball, Ensign.
Kimball, Moses.
King, William S.
Knowlton, Henry C.
Mackintosh, James.
Morrill, George W.

Messrs. Moseley, Frederick P.	Messrs. Sawin, Samuel D.
Nelson, Sherman.	Sawyer, Ebenezer.
Noble, Reuben.	Searle, John F.
Norton, John B.	Seymour, Stephen E.
Nutter, Isaac N.	Shattuck, Calvin W.
Osborn, Weaver.	Shattuck, Elijah C.
Owen, Harvey M.	Sherman, Elon.
Parker, Frederick.	Stacey, Benjamin F.
Perry, George R.	Stevens, James T.
Pew, Charles H., 2d.	Swett, Jackson B.
Phinney, Stephen C.	Taylor, Charles A.
Preston, David A.	Taylor, Oliver.
Prouty, David.	Truell, Byron.
Putnam, Henry W.	Tuttle, Henry G.
Read, Henry C.	Wallace, William S.
Read, Washington.	Ward, Alanson W.
Reed, George R.	Warren, Alonzo.
Reed, George W.	Wellington, Austin C.
Reynolds, Rice M.	Whicher, John D.
Richmond, Jonathan C.	White, Benjamin.
Sandford, Addison.	Whitney, Edward.
Saunders, Amos J.	Winship Thomas.

NATS.

Messrs. Abbe, James.	Messrs. Fiske, Wesley L.
Alley, William A.	Freeto, John.
Amsden, Edwin.	Fuller, Charles.
Babson, John J.	Fuller, Henry W.
Batchelor, Benjamin S.	Gardner, Charles L.
Bowen, Francis C.	Gargan, Thomas J.
Bradley, Osgood, Jr.	Gilmore, Onslow.
Breed, Amos F.	Gleason, Samuel S.
Brownell, Lysander N.	Hale, Charles.
Bryant, Orrin.	Hall, Andrew.
Bugbee, Francis.	Hartt, Joseph T.
Burr, Isaac T.	Haskell, George.
Carney, Michael.	Hathaway, Isaac N.
Chase, Frederick T.	Hicks, Samuel D.
Churchill, Gardner A.	Hill, Henry B.
Clark, John P.	Holley, Richard.
Cobb, John D.	Howe, George F.
Coburn, Edward.	Hunt, Jonas S.
Converse, Charles S.	Ingalls, Ephraim A.
Coveney, Jeremiah W.	Jones, Jesse H.
Curtiss, Albert W.	Keith, Ambrose.
Daniels, George F.	Keith, Monroe.
Dean, Dallas J.	Kendall, Edward.
Evans, Alonzo H.	Kennedy, Patrick.
Fairbanks, George O.	Kingsbury, Joseph A.

Messrs. Knapp, Joel,	Messrs. Rogers, Charles A.
Knowles, John.	Root, Joseph H.
Knowlton, Hosea M.	Ropes, Joseph S.
Lawrence, Daniel W.	Slade, Albion K.
Lee, Henry.	Sleeper, Solomon S.
Longley, Samuel.	Small, Isaiah A.
Loud, Charles A.	Smith, Newton.
Mann, Seth, 2d.	Smith, Robert D.
March, Andrus.	Snow, Samuel
Mayo, Edward F.	Southwick, John R.
McCafferty, Matthew J.	Spaulding, Mark H.
McPherson, Eben'r M.	Stone, Frederick M.
Merritt, Christopher C.	Sullivan, Michael.
Merritt, George W.	Supple, James F.
Miner, Henry S.	Swett, Noah.
Mitchell, Joseph, 2d.	Talbot, Samuel, Jr.
Mooney, Thomas.	Wadsworth, Alexander.
Morissey, John.	Walden, Edwin.
Morse, Elijah A.	Washburn, John D.
Morse, William.	Waterman, Eleazer E.
Murphy, Jeremiah.	Watts, William.
Murphy, John J.	Webster, David L.
Noonan, Daniel.	Wetherbee, John.
Nourse, B. Alden.	Wetherell, John W.
Osgood, Charles S.	White, James.
Parker, George G.	White, Joseph W.
Partridge, David A.	Williams, Moses, Jr.
Pierce, Edward L.	Wilson, George C.
Pillsbury, Albert E.	Wilson, John G.
Pope, Charles G.	Winslow, Isaac.
Rice, Charles B.	Wood, Eliphaz H.
Robinson, Wallace F.	Woodward, James C.

Yeas, 88 ; nays, 114.

Introduced on Leave.

**Anticipation of
revenue.**

By Mr. Kimball of Boston, a Resolve authorizing the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue. Under suspension of the 20th joint rule, the resolve was considered, and under further suspension of the rules took its several readings, and was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

**Pay of mem-
bers.**

By Mr. Gargan of Boston, a Resolve relative to compensation of the members of the Legislature. Read and referred to the next General Court, under refusal of the House to suspend the 20th joint rule.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Hale of Boston, from the committee of Conference to whom were referred the matters of disagreement between the two branches on the Bill relating to the several municipal courts of the city of Boston, that the Senate recede from the amendments marked [A], [B], [D] and [E], and from the amendment to the title of the Bill marked [F]; that the House agree to the Senate amendment marked [C], with an amendment; and that the bill be further amended by striking out section eleven. Read and accepted under suspension of the rule, and sent up for concurrence.

Boston municipal courts.

By Mr. Ropes of Boston, from the committee of Conference to whom was referred the matter of difference between the two branches on the Bill to establish the salary of the clerks and messenger in the Surgeon-General's department, that the House recede from its non-concurrence in the Senate amendment. Read, accepted under suspension of the rule, and sent up for concurrence.

Surgeon-General's department —salaries.

By Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the committee on Finance, on a general order, a Bill in addition to an Act making appropriations to meet certain expenditures authorized the present year, and for other purposes.

Appropriation bill. No. 9.

The bill took its several readings under suspension of the rule, was amended on motion of Mr. Kimball of Boston, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Wallace of Weymouth, from the committee on the Pay Roll, who were instructed by an order to make up the pay-roll of the members of the House, the following Order, with an accompanying schedule:—

Pay-roll.

Ordered, That the accompanying schedule, showing that the amount of \$156,254.25 is due to the members of the House of Representatives for attendance at the present session of the General Court, is approved; and that the schedule be sent to the Treasurer of the Commonwealth.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, who were instructed by an order to make up the list of compensation to members for cost of travel, the following Order, with a schedule:—

Cost of travel.

Ordered, That the accompanying schedule, showing that the amount of \$216.39 is due to the members of the House of Representatives for expenses for travel at the present session of the General Court, is approved; and

that the schedule be sent to the Treasurer of the Commonwealth.

Severally read, accepted, and the orders adopted, under suspension of the rule.

Order.

The following Order, offered by Mr. Merritt of Springfield, was indefinitely postponed :—

Geo. A. Shaw.

Ordered, That the committee on the Pay Roll be, and they are hereby, authorized to make up the pay of George A. Shaw to the amount as for service for the full session.

On motion of Mr. Loud of Winchendon,—

Reports of Railroad Commissioners on Boston & Albany resolve.

Ordered, That the reports of the committee on Railroads, in the matter of the Boston and Albany Railroad investigation, be entered at large upon the journal of the House.

The reports referred to in the above Order are as follows :—

[NOTE.—The word "Committee" has been used in the following reports as a matter of convenience, it being understood that only the members signing each report are responsible for the views therein expressed.]

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 24, 1876.

The Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred the report of Francis B. Hayes, one of the state directors of the Boston and Albany Railroad, and the Order in relation thereto, which reads as follows :—

" *Ordered*, That the committee on Railroads be instructed to make a thorough investigation of the matters relating to the Boston and Albany Railroad, contained in the report of Francis B. Hayes, Esq., a state director, and report how far the statements and charges therein are correct; when and how far an ex-state director referred to was ever remiss in his full duty as such in furthering the interests of the people of this Commonwealth as required by statute or otherwise; and also, when and how far he, or any other director, ever used his influence as a director of said corporation, to further his personal interests; and for that purpose said Committee have authority to send for persons and papers,"—

Having giving all parties in interest a full hearing, and having carefully considered the subject, beg leave to submit the following report :—

That they began the investigation directed by the foregoing Order upon February 23, 1876. The Attorney-General appeared in the interest of the Commonwealth, and conducted the examination. Hon. Benjamin F. Thomas and George S. Hale, Esq., appeared as counsel for the Boston and Albany Railroad Company. Eleven sessions of the Committee were occupied by the testimony of witnesses, and two by the arguments of counsel, and a stenographic report of all the proceedings is appended hereto.

As the report of Hon. Francis B. Hayes, a state director of the corporation, made to the present Legislature, and printed in Senate Document, No. 2, was, by the terms of the foregoing Order, expressly made the basis of the inquiry, the Committee have not considered it to be their duty to consider at length the propriety of the action of Mr. Hayes in acquiring information for this report, and in making it as he has done, although this matter was elaborately argued by the Attorney-General. (Appendix, p. 449.) We have considered it to be our simple duty to examine the statements of the report, and to ascertain, as fully as possible, how far the same have been substantiated by the evidence before us. It may not be, however, beyond our province to remark, that it is the public function of the state directors to communicate to each Legislature all the information at their command which affects the welfare of the corporation, that a large discretion should be given them in the manner of making their reports, and that in our opinion Mr. Hayes, in making his report, conformed to the law, and discharged his duty.

OWNERSHIP OF STOCK BY A STATE DIRECTOR.

As to the allegation that one of the state directors had been interested in the stock while in office, we find as follows :—

That Hon. Moses Kimball was first elected a state director of the Western Railroad Corporation in 1864, and continued to hold office as such in that corporation and in the Boston and Albany, with the exception of one year, until 1875, having been last elected February 5, 1873; that during much of the time since July, 1869, stock has stood upon the books of the corporation in the name of Moses Kimball, or of Moses Kimball, trustee, and Mr. Kimball admitted the fact, stating, however, that he held

it, but did not own it, that he held it in trust for his wife, and that it was purchased with funds which she had inherited from the estate of her father, and that, as his wife had perfect confidence in his management of her property, he was allowed by her to pledge it when he wished to borrow money. It also appeared that Mr. Kimball had frequently pledged it to secure loans made to him, and that Mr. John P. Healy, being trustee for Mrs. Kimball under her father's will, this stock had been purchased by Mr. Kimball with the income received from Mr. Healy, Mr. Kimball holding it in his own name or a part of the time in the name of Moses Kimball, trustee.

In defence of Mr. Kimball, it was claimed by counsel that neither the Resolve of 1866, "That no person shall hereafter be eligible as a state director of the Western Railroad Corporation who is in the employ of said corporation, or who owns stock therein," nor the statute of 1873, chapter 226, passed after the consolidation of the Western Railroad with the Boston and Worcester in 1867, in the exact words of the Resolve of 1866, had any application to Mr. Kimball, as he had been elected in 1864.

But the Committee are of opinion that Mr. Kimball was within both the letter and the spirit of the Resolve of 1866; that as it was directly applicable to him, as state director in the Western Railroad Corporation, from its passage until the Act of consolidation took effect, so also it was directly applicable to him as a state director of the Boston and Albany after the consolidation. The charter of the Boston and Albany, consolidating the two corporations (St. 1867, ch. 270, sect. 8), contained the following provision:—

"The present directors of the Western Railroad Corporation, chosen by the Legislature, shall be and continue directors of the corporation formed as provided, during the terms for which they were respectively chosen, and upon the expiration of their respective terms new directors shall be chosen in their stead, in the same way as directors of the Western Railroad are now chosen. and in case of any vacancy occurring during the recess of the Legislature, the same may be filled as provided by law."

In the judgment of the Committee, all the obligations of the persons holding the office of state directors of the Western Railroad before the consolidation were legally and morally binding upon Mr. Kimball after the consolidation, and we are unable to see how he could have entertained a

doubt upon the subject without at the same time doubting his power under statute of 1867, chapter 270, to hold office at all as state director in the new corporation.

We also think that Mr. Kimball was, even adopting his own statement, that the stock was bought with his wife's money, the legal owner of the stock while it stood in his name, in violation of the statute. It would undoubtedly be subject to attachment for his debts under the decisions of the supreme court. (*School District in Greenfield v. First National Bank*, 102 Mass. 174.)

He treated it as his own, and pledged it for his private loans, and certainly his legal ownership of it was just as much in violation of the purpose and intent of the framers of the statute as if he had held the whole title, both legal and equitable.

THE GRAVEL CONTRACT.

It appeared in evidence that in the fall of 1869 one Charles Barrett secured from the owner of a gravel bank in Brighton a bond for the purchase of the same at a fixed price of \$40,000, the land being the same upon which the Brighton Abattoir has since been built. He also obtained a bond for the sale of other gravel land, just across Charles River, in Watertown. The Brighton lands could be reached by the construction of a side track from the Boston and Albany Railroad. To reach the gravel lands in Watertown, required the construction of a drawbridge across the Charles River, and about a half-mile of track.

Mr. Barrett applied to the Legislature of 1870 for a charter to construct his railroad, and while his application was pending before the Legislature, he informed Mr. Lincoln, the vice-president of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company, of his purpose, and endeavored to secure his cooperation.

Mr. Lincoln, however, took no active part in the matter, and Mr. Barrett's application was refused by the Legislature.

Afterwards, Mr. Lincoln advised Mr. Barrett to see Mr. Kimball about the matter, and Mr. Barrett had several interviews with Mr. Kimball, and endeavored to interest him in the enterprise; the result was that Mr. Kimball bought the Brighton land in August, 1870, having a parol understanding with Mr. Barrett about the purchase, which was afterwards put in writing. (Appendix, p. 229.)

Messrs. Kimball and Barrett then made a bid to furnish gravel from the land to fill the Suffolk Street district, in Boston; and this being unsuccessful, finally entered into a written contract with Norman C. Munson, dated February 25, 1871 (Appendix, p. 232), the contract being made in the name of Mr. Kimball alone, for the sale of gravel from the land, at a fixed price per square.

Mr. Munson applied to Mr. Lincoln for the purpose of making a contract for the transportation of the gravel into Boston to fill the Back Bay. After some negotiation, it was found necessary to build a new track for about three and one-half miles, as Mr. Lincoln refused to allow the gravel trains to pass over the main track. (Appendix, pp. 134, 135.)

This track was accordingly built, and on October 6, 1871, the Boston and Albany Railroad Corporation entered into a written contract with Mr. Munson for the use of the new track by Mr. Munson in the transportation of his gravel. (Appendix, p. 420.)

Mr. Munson proceeded to remove the gravel, and in November, 1872, Mr. Kimball sold the land, subject to the rights of Mr. Munson, to the Abattoir Company for \$40,000; the net profit upon the sale of the land and the gravel by Messrs. Kimball and Barrett, which was equally divided between them, was \$60,000.

The items of the cost of the new track to the company are stated by Mr. Lincoln, in the Appendix (pp. 136 and 137), and it is perhaps sufficient at the present time to state that the company realized from their contract with Mr. Munson and a contract with the contractor furnishing gravel to fill the Suffolk Street district, the sum of \$112,371.05; in the words of Mr. Lincoln, "being \$6,530 only short of the whole cost of the improvement."

The company insisted upon the construction of a viaduct under their railroad at Brighton, in order to avoid the crossing by the gravel trains of the main track at grade, and this viaduct was built by Mr. Munson, the cost of the same—viz., \$4,791.48—being refunded to him by Mr. Kimball. Mr. Lincoln testified that Mr. Kimball never interfered at all in the fixing of the rates charged Mr. Munson for the transportation of the gravel; but that he himself, as vice-president, made the contract, and exacted the most rigorous terms, and secured the highest rates which he could get; and the Committee found no evidence

tending to show that the slightest favor was shown to Mr. Munson in any way by reason of his connection with Mr. Kimball, while the contract itself shows that all the rights of the company were sedulously guarded.

The only evidence relied upon by the Attorney-General as showing any favoritism upon the part of Mr. Lincoln, or any improper conduct upon the part of Mr. Kimball, was the fact that Mr. Barrett was in the first instance referred to Mr. Kimball by Mr. Lincoln.

Upon the whole evidence, however, the Committee arrive at the following conclusion : That the corporation could not legally have bought land not required for railroad purposes, for the purpose of selling the gravel from it and then disposing of it, as was done by Messrs. Kimball and Barrett ; that even if the company could have done so, it had already declined to do anything more than to transport the gravel ; that the sole purpose of Mr. Lincoln was to secure a profitable contract for the corporation ; that Mr. Kimball took no advantage of his position as a state director to secure more favorable terms for Mr. Munson than would have been given to any other individual ; and that Mr. Lincoln's action in sending Mr. Barrett to Mr. Kimball cannot be fairly construed as indicating anything wrong either upon his part or upon that of Mr. Kimball.

We think we may fairly conclude, that, after Mr. Lincoln's decision that the company could not, or ought not, to buy the land itself, his object was to secure, through Mr. Kimball's purchase of the land, a profitable contract for the transportation of the gravel.

While, however, we take pleasure in stating this conclusion upon the facts in the case before us, we cannot forbear to remark that such transactions upon the part of a public officer like Mr. Kimball are not without danger. Mr. Kimball was the chief state director of the company, and from his influential position in the State, must necessarily have a great influence over all his associates in the direction of the road. In dealing with parties in whose affairs Mr. Kimball had any interest, however remote, the officers of the corporation would be very likely to be insensibly influenced by the wish to gratify Mr. Kimball, and by a desire to avoid any opposition to his plans, and, if the matter of Mr. Munson's rates had come up before the board of directors, Mr. Kimball might have found himself disqualified for his trust.

Moreover, all such transactions are viewed by the people with the most jealous suspicion, and almost invariably create scandal, which reflects most injuriously upon the public service.

THE LEASE OF THE WARE RIVER RAILROAD.

Most of the time of the investigation was occupied with the matter of the Ware River Railroad. This road is about fifty miles in length, extending from Palmer, on the Boston and Albany Railroad, to Winchendon, and was chartered in 1851. In June, 1872, there had been expended upon the road the sum of about \$1,500,000; one-half of which had been paid in in stock, and the other half of which had been realized from the sale of \$750,000 of bonds, secured by a mortgage upon the road and franchise.

There was then a default upon the bonds, the company was insolvent, the road was incomplete, and work had stopped.

The question of the expediency of acquiring the Ware River road had previously been discussed occasionally by the directors of the Boston and Albany, and during the year 1872 it attracted still more attention; and, finally, at a meeting of the directors, held December 12, 1872, a committee, consisting of Messrs. Lincoln, Colt and Kimball, was appointed to consider the subject.

Hon. Chester W. Chapin, the president of the Boston and Albany, had previously had negotiations with Vibbard, Foote & Co. of New York, who then held \$256,000 of the bonds of the Ware River road, and who held the control of the same by having five of the nine directors of the Ware River in their interest, for the purchase of their securities.

These negotiations were consummated December 20, 1872; the five directors representing Vibbard, Foote & Co. resigned, and Mr. Chapin and four of his friends at once took their places, Mr. Chapin purchasing the bonds held by Vibbard, Foote & Co., and their stock. He afterwards made further purchases, holding, in the spring of 1873, \$282,000 of the bonds of the company. His son-in-law, Mr. James A. Rumrill, holding at the same time \$30,000 of the securities, became president of the Ware River Company.

In the spring of 1873, the company applied to the Legislature, for the purpose of securing legislation for the

organization of a new company, upon the foreclosure of the mortgage, the application resulting in the passage of the statute of 1873, chapter 217.

The road and franchises were then sold under the power of sale in the mortgage, on May 28, 1873, and were purchased by Mr. Chapin for the sum of \$375,000, one-half the amount of the mortgage bonds.

A new company was formed under the Act of 1873, and such of the bondholders as desired to do so, received stock in exchange for their bonds in the old company; while such as elected to surrender their bonds to Mr. Chapin, received fifty cents on the dollar for them in cash (the road having been sold for fifty cents on the dollar of the whole amount of bonds); and the shares of stock to which they would have been entitled were transferred to Mr. Chapin. Thus the whole number of shares in the new company was 7,500.

The president, Mr. Rumrill, proceeded to finish the construction of the railroad with the assistance of Mr. Chapin, and the work was continued during the summer and fall of 1873, until, in November, the sum of \$351,000 had been expended, and the road was completed; about \$1,851,000 having been expended upon it in all.

In the spring of 1873, Mr. Chapin stated to Messrs. Kimball and Sargent, of the board of directors, that he was using a great deal of money in finishing the road, and these gentlemen then agreed to loan him money, and subsequently Mr. Kimball lent him \$30,000 and Mr. Sargent \$25,000. In a short time after lending Mr. Chapin the money, Mr. Kimball left the country to pass the summer in Europe, returning in the following fall.

After Mr. Kimball's return, Mr. George O. Crocker, one of the directors of the Boston and Albany, was added to the committee upon the purchase of the Ware River Railroad; Mr. Kimball having taken no part in the action of the committee after making his loan of \$30,000 to Mr. Chapin in the spring of 1873.

On October 30, 1873, at a meeting of the directors of the Ware River Railroad Company, a committee of three was chosen, with authority to negotiate a lease of the road to the Boston and Albany Railroad Company, consisting of Messrs. Rumrill, Stevens and May.

The committees of the two corporations had negotiations with each other, and upon December 17, 1873, at a

meeting of the directors of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company, the matter of the terms of the lease was made the subject of discussion; Mr. Chapin leaving the chair, and Mr. Lincoln presiding. (Appendix, p. 70.)

The committee of the Ware River road reported in favor of leasing that road at a rental of 7 per cent. upon \$525,000, and 7 per cent. upon the cost of completing the road. This report was accepted, and the committee discharged.

After some discussion, it was voted that the Boston and Albany Railroad Company would take a perpetual lease of the Ware River Railroad at a rental of 5 per cent. on \$750,000, with the further proviso that when the gross earnings of the Ware River should exceed \$125,000, the Boston and Albany would pay in addition 40 per cent. of such excess until the rental should amount to 7 per cent. upon \$750,000. The meeting then adjourned to December 23, 1873. Upon that date, the matter was again discussed, and after the statement by Mr. Chapin that the Ware River Railroad Company would agree to the terms voted by the Boston and Albany board at their last meeting, "with a slight modification," and that the Ware River board favored a fixed rental instead of a sliding scale based upon the earnings, it was,—

"Voted, That the Boston and Albany Railroad Company will take a perpetual lease of the Ware River Railroad, commencing on the first day of January, 1874, and will pay therefor a rent of five per cent. on \$750,000 for the first year, and will increase the rental at the rate of one-half per cent. per annum until the same shall reach a maximum rate of seven per cent. on \$750,000, free of taxes; and will also assume the payment of the cost of completing the road, according to an account to be rendered by said Ware River Railroad Company, and to be approved by the president and vice-president of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company."

It was voted to call a special meeting of the stockholders of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company to consider the subject of the lease upon January 6, 1874, and a committee consisting of Messrs. Lincoln, Gillett and Chadwick was chosen to prepare a lease to be submitted at the adjourned meeting upon January 6, 1874.

At the directors' meeting, upon January 6, the lease was submitted to the directors, and approved, and being submitted to the stockholders' meeting held the same day,

it was approved by them, 103,218 stock votes being cast in favor of the lease, and 75 stock votes being cast against it, the law requiring a majority of all the stock votes of the company then being 198,641.

At this meeting of the stockholders, Messrs. Kimball, Chadwick, Carpenter and Murray, four of the state directors, voted upon the shares of the Commonwealth, 24,115 in number, in favor of the lease (Appendix p. 319) and, as will readily be seen, the vote would not have prevailed without their action, as there would not have been a majority of the stock.

The terms of the lease, were also subsequently ratified by a majority in interest of the stockholders of the Ware River Railroad, and the same was duly executed.

The lease is printed in the Appendix, pages 72, 73 and 74. About January 1, 1874, Mr. Chapin settled with Messrs. Kimball and Sargent by paying them, in stock of the Ware River Railroad, as explained by him in Appendix, p. 65. He also paid some cash to Mr. Kimball. The earnings of the Ware River Railroad, during the nine months preceding the date of the lease, were \$45,000, or at the rate of \$60,000 per annum.

This summary of these transactions has been given in order to place the circumstances fully before the Legislature, and the Committee now proceed to consider the question submitted by the Order, whether any of the state directors has been remiss to his full duty to the Commonwealth.

And, in dealing with this subject, the Committee feel it their duty to point out that the relation of Mr. Kimball to this matter was very different from that of Mr. Chapin and Mr. Sargent. Mr. Kimball was a state director; a public officer elected by the Legislature to the responsible duty of guarding the interest of the Commonwealth, in the stock of the corporation; the express provision of the law, forbidding him to hold stock, was designed obviously to prevent him from having any other interest whatsoever, and his long experience in the Legislature, and as a state director for ten years, made his influence over his associate state directors almost absolute.

Mr. Kimball testified, and we find it to be a fact, that after his return from Europe, he ceased to act with the committee upon the Ware River Railroad matter, and that Mr. Crocker was added to the committee on this account.

Mr. Kimball states that he refused to act with the committee "because he supposed he might have an interest."

Taking this statement as made, we can find in it no defence for Mr. Kimball; for it amounts to nothing more than this: that after he had accepted his position as state director, he deliberately placed himself in a position which, *in his own judgment*, disqualified him to discharge a most responsible duty devolving upon him; viz., to act upon a committee to decide whether the interests of the Commonwealth would be prejudiced by the Ware River lease; so that, in his own judgment, his private interests had unfitted him to hold his public office.

We think his action indefensible. It appears, however, that though Mr. Kimball took no part upon the committee, and did not vote at the meetings of the directors where the subject was considered, for the reason above stated as given by him, he did act with the other state directors in voting at the stockholders' meeting upon the stock of the Commonwealth, when the lease would not have been confirmed but for the action of the state directors. The Committee are unable to see the distinctions which existed in the mind of Mr. Kimball, leading him to consider it wrong to vote at the meetings of the directors, and right to vote upon the state stock in the stockholders' meeting.

No one can doubt that Mr. Kimball could have received from Mr. Chapin payment of his loan in cash if he had desired it, and if he received stock instead of cash, that he preferred the stock; he received about 282 shares of the stock at \$70 per share,—the amount they had cost Mr. Chapin about the time the lease was made; and though it may well be that no one then foresaw that the stock would appreciate to 112, it is impossible to doubt that Mr. Kimball preferred the stock rather than cash, because he expected it to appreciate in value; and viewing his conduct as that of a high public official, we feel that it should be severely condemned.

If, moreover, the course of Mr. Kimball was proper, it would have been equally proper for all of the state directors to acquire an interest which would disqualify them to act for the Commonwealth in the meetings of the directors, thus leaving the State without any representation.

The vote upon the shares of the Commonwealth was cast by four of the state directors; viz., Messrs. Kimball, Chadwick, Carpenter and Murray; one of whom, Mr.

Murray, had never been over the road ; another of whom, Mr. Chadwick, doubted about the lease ; and the third of whom, Mr. Carpenter, knew nothing about it.

The Committee think the action of Messrs. Carpenter and Chadwick, in voting for the State in favor of the lease, is indefensible. So much for the conduct of the state directors as officials of the Commonwealth.

We pass now to the general questions affecting the acquisition of the Ware River road.

Upon the whole evidence, the Committee are satisfied that the road was sufficiently valuable to the Boston and Albany to make it important for the latter to control it ; that, taking into account its original cost, and the earnings which it had made during the nine months prior to the lease, it would have seemed, in 1873 and 1874, to any reasonable man, a valuable piece of railroad property, and, in view of the possible increase of business, one likely to rapidly appreciate in value.

Finding, therefore, that its acquisition was reasonable, it only remains for us to consider whether in its acquisition any one of the directors has used his personal influence as such director to further his personal interests.

The Committee find that it was generally understood by the directors of the Boston and Albany, that the motive of Mr. Chapin in acquiring control of the Ware River Railroad, was to prevent its passing into the hands of persons hostile to the Boston and Albany, and that this was Mr. Chapin's real purpose ; but they find that Mr. Chapin was, in no sense, the agent of the Boston and Albany in making the purchase, and they consider that he was in no respect accountable to that corporation, from the mere fact that he had secured control of the Ware River, and became the owner of a large number of its bonds. The risk of the enterprise was his, not that of the Boston and Albany ; the money used was his own, and we are satisfied that if nothing further had been done by Mr. Chapin, than to buy some of the bonds of the Ware River, no just complaint could have been made against him.

The next question is, whether Mr. Chapin, being president of the Boston and Albany, and having acquired an interest in the Ware River, has improperly used his position in the former in negotiating the lease.

As to this, we think it clear that, after Mr. Chapin accepted his office as director and president of the Boston

and Albany, he had no right to place himself in a position which would disqualify him for his trust; and although, as we have said, Mr. Kimball was a public officer, much of the reasoning which we have used with regard to him is applicable to Mr. Chapin. The stockholders of the Boston and Albany, in choosing the board of directors of which he was the most prominent member, had the right to assume that he would not so disqualify himself, and the moment he found himself so disqualified, it became his duty to resign.

We find, however, that when the lease was discussed in the meetings of the board, on December 17, 1873, and December 23, 1873, Mr. Chapin left the chair, and Mr. Lincoln presided. Why? Because Mr. Chapin had acquired such a personal interest, that he could not, in his own estimation, continue to act as president.

So, too, in the stockholders' meeting it was stated that Mr. Lincoln would preside instead of Mr. Chapin.

Mr. Chapin's duty as director of the Boston and Albany was to secure the lowest possible rental in the Ware River lease; his duty as director of the Ware River was to secure the highest possible rental; the obligations of each position were of the same kind, and they seem to us essentially and radically inconsistent with each other; and while, therefore, the mere ownership of the stock of the Ware River was not objectionable, it was certainly improper for Mr. Chapin to remain a director in the Ware River after the two corporations began to negotiate together.

In this case, three of the thirteen directors had disqualified themselves from acting; why might not five, or seven, or nine of them have done the same, upon the same principle, and thus have left the stockholders with only a small minority of the full board to act for them in coping with the other corporation, officered in part by the very men whom they themselves had chosen?

We think a simple statement of these facts is, in itself, a rebuke.

The argument of the Attorney-General upon this part of the case was, that Mr. Chapin was throughout acting simply for the Boston and Albany Railroad, and that he was culpable because the terms of the lease as finally adopted were much too favorable to the Ware River; but it is apparent that Mr. Chapin's obligations as director of

the Ware River were just as binding upon him as his obligations as director of the Boston and Albany, both legally and morally; and he was certainly culpable when he placed himself in a position where it was his duty to fulfil two utterly inconsistent trusts. In this state of affairs, it is difficult to define the exact measure of his responsibility to each corporation; but the definition is unnecessary, because we find that he did use his position in the Boston and Albany to further his private interest, and that, even when judged by the standard evidently existing in his own mind at the time, his conduct must be condemned.

The effect of the lease was to give a stable, definite value to the stock of the Ware River Railroad, making it, so far as safety alone was concerned, superior even to the Boston and Albany, and it is important to consider carefully Mr. Chapin's action in the negotiations as bearing upon his interest in the Ware River road.

In the directors' meeting of December 23, 1873, he appears as the agent of the Ware River, communicating the offer to accept the terms of the Boston and Albany with a slight modification; while he had previously practically admitted his responsibility to the Boston and Albany in his proposition to transfer his interest upon receipt of his outlay and seven per cent. These illustrations sufficiently show the impropriety of his action.

It was argued, that Mr. Chapin was willing to discharge his full duty to the Boston and Albany, and that this is shown in his proposition just referred to; that the only reason this was not done was that Mr. Gillett advised that the road could not legally acquire the stock of the Ware River; and while this matter is of great importance, because it proves that Mr. Chapin, in balancing in his own mind his duties to the two corporations was inclined to regard that to the Boston and Albany as paramount, yet upon the whole evidence, we are of the opinion that this argument for Mr. Chapin is not satisfactory. Granting that the law of Massachusetts, as Mr. Gillett advised, would not allow one corporation to own stock in another, —and there is no doubt that Mr. Gillett was right,—there was still a way in which the result desired might have been attained.

Application might have been made to the Legislature of 1874 for special authority to hold the stock; and granting

that, as claimed by the counsel of the corporation, the application would have been probably refused, it could not have caused much delay to make the attempt, and it might have been successful. We think the trial should have been made.

But this is not of very great importance; for, if Mr. Chapin felt that his interest in the Ware River was, in any sense, the property of the Boston and Albany, he might have taken a very different course in regard to the very lease which was finally adopted. In explanation of the reason why the rental was finally fixed upon \$750,000, the par value of the whole stock of the Ware River, at \$100 a share, when the stock of Mr. Chapin and his friends had only cost them about \$70 a share, it was urged that Mr. Chapin had not himself a majority of the Ware River stock; that Messrs. May and King and the other stockholders in the Ware River would not agree to any lower rental than was finally adopted; that Mr. Chapin had to discharge his duty to the Ware River people as well as to the Boston and Albany; that a minority of the Ware River stockholders, however small, could enforce their objections to an unreasonable lease in a court of equity, and that, therefore, the course taken was the only one possible.

We think, however, the explanation fails; for even granting all these premises, and assuming that no lower rental could have been agreed upon, the fact remains, that if Mr. Chapin felt that, from his peculiar relation to the Boston and Albany, all he personally was entitled to was his actual outlay and interest thereon at seven per cent., it became a matter of simple arithmetical calculation, after the lease was adopted, to determine what sum of money he should pay the Boston and Albany.

It was urged, however, by the counsel for the corporation, that Ware River stock, even after the lease, was only worth about \$80 a share (evidence being offered of one sale as low as \$75 a share); that the transaction can only be fairly judged by considering all the circumstances existing at the time the lease was made; and that the subsequent rise in the value of the stock was not foreseen, and can only be explained by the extraordinary prostration of business, and the tendency of investors to secure absolute safety for their principal, rather than a large income.

We trust we fully appreciate the importance of this

suggestion. It is true, that great weight should be given to it, and we have endeavored to keep it fully in mind; but we think it is unnecessary for us to determine whether the stock was worth more than \$80 a share; because, assuming that it was only worth that amount (the most favorable hypothesis for Mr. Chapin), there was still a large sum of money in his hands which he might have paid to the Boston and Albany, and still have received his outlay and seven per cent. thereon.

Mr. Chapin tells us that the average cost of his Ware River stock at the time of the lease was \$70 per share, including interest to that time; after the lease this stock was worth \$80 in the market, and, as Mr. Chapin held about 2,900 shares, he could have paid the Boston and Albany the sum of \$29,000, and still have received his original outlay and seven per cent. thereon, the lowest annual rental of five per cent. upon the par value of \$100 a share being more than seven per cent. upon \$70 a share.

It is true that he would have incurred the risk of depreciation below \$80 a share; but as the stock after a few years became a seven per cent. stock, free of taxes, such depreciation was practically impossible, and cannot be seriously considered; the chance of depreciation being infinitesimal as compared with that of appreciation. We find, therefore, that when Mr. Chapin, instead of giving place, by resignation, to somebody who could fully discharge his duty as director and president, attended the directors' meetings at which the rental was adjusted, acting in part for each corporation, and making a large personal profit by the lease, which profit he might have paid directly to the Boston and Albany if he wished, he used his position as director in the Boston and Albany to further his personal interest.

These observations apply to Messrs. Sargent and Kimball, as well as to Mr. Chapin, except that neither of them were directors in the Ware River.

The vote of the stockholders of the Boston and Albany, in their meeting of January 6, in favor of the lease, was strongly relied upon by the counsel for the corporation in justification of Mr. Chapin and his friends, and it is certainly a circumstance in favor of Mr. Chapin, that at this special meeting, called for the purpose of acting upon the lease, it was openly disclosed that he had an interest in the Ware River road, which was adverse to the Boston

and Albany; but, as we have said before, we think that the circumstances under which the vote upon the stock of the Commonwealth was cast were reprehensible, and, as Mr. Chapin was fully aware of Mr. Kimball's position, and as the lease would not have been confirmed without the vote upon the stock of the Commonwealth, we cannot give any great weight to this matter in excuse or justification.

Another matter connected with the Ware River Railroad transaction remains to be considered. It was urged by the Attorney-General in his closing argument, that while the Ware River road was ostensibly completed by Messrs. Chapin and Rumrill, the Boston and Albany had, in effect, to bear the burden of the expense, because Mr. Chapin borrowed the money which he used in the completion from the Chapin Banking and Trust Company in Springfield, during a period when the Boston and Albany had a very large deposit in that company, upon which no interest was paid to it. He argued further from the list of the stockholders of the trust company (Appendix, p. 479), that as most of the directors of the Boston and Albany held stock, they improperly received profits from the deposit of the Boston and Albany upon which no interest was paid. We think it, however, our duty to state that no evidence as to this matter was introduced before us, that no allusion was made to it before the argument of the Attorney-General, and that since his argument we have been assured by the counsel for the corporation that the Attorney-General was mistaken as to the facts, and certain papers furnished to us by the counsel for the corporation as showing the real state of affairs, are printed at the close of our Report (page 39) and preceding the general appendix. We believe the statements of these papers to be true.

As to the legal rights of the Boston and Albany, or of the Commonwealth itself as a stockholder therein, against the parties, the Committee express no opinion; believing that only the courts, whose judgments are the law, can properly define them; but as the Attorney-General, the chief law officer of the Commonwealth, has expressed, in his argument before us, the opinion that a suit might be maintained upon the facts developed, we recommend the passage of the accompanying Resolve, in order that he may take action, if he shall decide it to be judicious so to do.

BILLS OF LADING, ETC.

In relation to the matters of guaranteed bills of lading, construction and expense accounts, amount of dividends, wages of employés, and holding monthly meetings of directors, the Committee do not deem it necessary to enlarge. Those matters of general railroad administration must be left, in a great degree, to the managers of the railroad, but the Committee believe it was equally the right and the duty of Mr. Hayes to express his views thereon in his report to the Legislature. The Committee see no reason to question the correctness of the general principles in regard to these matters laid down by Mr. Hayes in his report, but as the investigation, under the conduct of the Attorney-General, was directed to certain other statements in the report, affecting the fidelity and integrity of certain officers of the Boston and Albany Railroad, the Committee have confined themselves to the points thus prominently brought forward.

TILLY HAYNES,
Of the Senate.

MOSES WILLIAMS, JR.,
SAM'L R. HEYWOOD,
REUBEN NOBLE,
SAMUEL D. SAWIN,
Of the House.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

RESOLVE instructing the Attorney-General to institute Proceedings against certain Officials of the Boston and Albany Railroad.

Resolved, That the Attorney-General, with the approval of the Governor and Council, is hereby instructed to take such action, and institute such proceedings, as he shall deem advisable for the recovery, on behalf of the Commonwealth, of its interest in any moneys or other property belonging to the Boston and Albany Railroad Company, in the hands of any officer, director, agent or employé thereof, and for the preservation and protection of the rights and property of the Commonwealth and other stockholders therein; and he is authorized to employ such assistance, legal or otherwise, as he may consider necessary, subject to the approval of the Governor and Council,

the expense thereof to be paid out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 24, 1876.

The Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred the report of Francis B. Hayes, one of the state directors of the Boston and Albany Railroad, and an order in relation thereto,—

Ordered, That the Committee on Railroads be instructed to make a thorough investigation of the matters relating to the Boston and Albany Railroad, contained in the report of Francis B. Hayes, Esq., a state director, and report how far the statements and charges therein are correct; when and how far an ex-state director referred to was ever remiss in his full duty as such in furthering the interests of the people of this Commonwealth as required by statute or otherwise; and also, when and how far he, or any other director, ever used his influence as a director of said corporation to further his personal interests; and for that purpose said Committee have authority to send for persons and papers,"—

Having given all parties in interest a full hearing, and having carefully and thoroughly considered the subject in all its bearings, beg leave to submit the following report:—

In relation to the matters of guaranteed bills of lading, construction and expense accounts, dividends, wages of employes, and of holding monthly meetings of directors, the Committee do not deem it necessary to enlarge. These matters of general railroad administration must be left, in a great degree, to the managers of the railroad, but the Committee believe it was equally the right and the duty of Mr. Hayes to express his views thereon in his report to the Legislature. The Committee see no reason to question the correctness of the general principles in regard to these matters laid down by Mr. Hayes in his report, but as the investigation, under the conduct of the Attorney-General, whose assistance throughout the entire case the Committee desire to acknowledge, was directed to certain other statements in the report, affecting the fidelity and integrity of certain officers of the Boston and Albany Railroad, the Committee have confined themselves to the points thus prominently brought forward.

In dealing with the questions presented to them, the Committee deem it of the very highest importance that the general principles which should govern all officers charged with the duty of administering great public trusts, should be first clearly enunciated. Amid the complication of business interests, and when public attention is not directly called to the questions in issue, abuses are apt to creep in, and it is well to pause occasionally and see whether we are not drifting away from that high standard which the people have a right to insist shall be maintained by their public officials. Nothing tends more directly to promote and to maintain the efficiency and honesty of those engaged in the public service than a just and impartial criticism of their actions which, while rendering exact justice to all, shall test their conduct by those principles of public morality which all agree cannot be departed from without danger to the individual and to the State.

A president or director of a railroad corporation, in accepting the trust at the hands of the stockholders, puts himself in the position of a trustee, in whose keeping a trust property is placed. On this point there can be no conflict of opinion. It is the well-settled principle of law. He is bound, by his acceptance of the trust, to so manage the property that all profits arising from its use shall inure to the advantage of those whose trustee he is. He is not allowed to use the property for his own personal profit, even if, at the same time, his trust also profits by the transaction. A trustee who uses the trust fund in an improper speculation must account for all the profits to the trust, although, if a loss be the result, the trustee is himself personally responsible, and cannot charge it to the trust fund. These are not only the principles of law, but they are equally the principles of sound morality.

Now, apply these principles to the questions before us. Let us take, first, the—

GRAVEL CONTRACT.

Mr. Hayes says, in his report, that a state director—referring, it is admitted, to Mr. Moses Kimball, of Boston—seems to have “profited largely by purchasing land adjacent to the track of the road, when the company did not choose to buy it, and selling the gravel from it to a contractor, who required, in order to haul the gravel, the construction of a third track for a distance of about five miles.” The facts in this case, briefly stated, are these:

In the fall of 1869, Mr. Charles Barrett, of Somerville (Appendix, p. 225), bonded a piece of land in Brighton, adjoining the Boston and Albany road, for \$40,000, and applied, without success, to the Legislature of 1870 for authority to construct a railroad for the transportation of the gravel to Boston. After his failure to secure such authority, he applied to Vice-President Lincoln to see if any arrangements could be made with the Boston and Albany road; but Mr. Lincoln declined to act in the matter, and referred him to Mr. Kimball. Mr. Barrett had several interviews with Mr. Kimball, which finally resulted in the purchase of the Brighton lands by Mr. Kimball, there being an agreement in writing between Messrs. Barrett and Kimball in relation to the profits of the transaction. A contract was then executed between Mr. Kimball and Mr. N. C. Munson for the sale of the gravel (Appendix, p. 232), and Mr. Munson, upon application to Mr. Lincoln, succeeded in making arrangements by which the Boston and Albany Railroad agreed to haul the gravel over a third track from Brighton to Boston, constructed for that purpose at the expense of the corporation. From this transaction, it is admitted Mr. Kimball made a net profit of about \$30,000. The question for the Committee to determine is, whether such a transaction was a proper one on the part of Mr. Kimball, a state director.

The Committee believe that it was not a transaction that a public official like Mr. Kimball should have engaged in, and that the moment he entered upon it, he was liable to be placed in a position where his private interest would be adverse to the interest of his trust. Although it appears that Mr. Munson was not favored by the road in the matter of rates, yet it may well be thought that the knowledge that Mr. Kimball was one of the active directors of the Boston and Albany road may have influenced both Mr. Barrett and Mr. Munson in making their contracts with Mr. Kimball. It seems to the Committee that a director elected by the Legislature to guard the interests of the Commonwealth should not place himself in such a position; the tendency of his so doing is to degrade the public service, and to lower the standard of public morality.

OWNERSHIP OF STOCK BY A STATE DIRECTOR.

Another statement in the report of Mr. Hayes, is, that "one who has been many years a state director seems to

have been interested in the stock [of the Boston and Albany Railroad] while in office." The Committee find that certain shares of stock of that corporation have stood in the name of Mr. Moses Kimball, a state director. Part of the time the stock stood in the name of Moses Kimball, trustee. It appears from the evidence that Mr. Kimball was in the habit of pledging the stock to secure loans, and that he treated it in all respects as if it were his own.

The Resolve of 1866, chap. 90, provides that "no person shall hereafter be eligible as a state director of the Western Railroad Corporation who is in the employ of said corporation, or who owns stock therein."

The statute of 1873, chap. 226, provides that "hereafter no person shall be eligible to the office of state director in any railroad corporation, who is in the employ of said corporation, or who owns stock therein." The Committee are of opinion that Mr. Kimball was within both the letter and spirit of the Resolve of 1866; that as it was directly applicable to him as state director of the Western Railroad Corporation, from its passage until the Act of consolidation (statute of 1867, chap. 270) took effect, so also it was directly applicable to him as a state director of the Boston and Albany Railroad after the consolidation. In the judgment of the Committee, all the legal obligations of the persons holding the office of state directors of the Western Railroad before the consolidation, were legally and morally binding upon Mr. Kimball after the consolidation. They also think that he was—even adopting his own statement, that the stock was bought with his wife's money—the legal owner of the stock while it stood in his name, in violation of the statute. It was undoubtedly subject to attachment for his debts under the decisions of the supreme court, and his legal ownership of it was just as much in violation of the purpose and intent of the framers of the statute as if he had held the whole title, both legal and equitable.

The Committee believe that Mr. Kimball held his office of state director in violation of law, and that for a person in his position to seek by indirection to evade a statute that the State has enacted as a safe-guard of her interests, is an offence, and a grave one.

THE LEASE OF THE WARE RIVER RAILROAD.

The subject treated of in the report of Mr. Hayes, which from its importance received most attention at the hands

of the Committee, was the leasing of the Ware River Railroad by the Boston and Albany Railroad. The Committee do not question the wisdom of obtaining such a lease, upon proper terms, by the Boston and Albany road. The Ware River Railroad extends from Palmer, on the Boston and Albany Railroad, to Winchendon, a distance of about fifty miles. In June, 1872, the road had cost about \$1,500,000, one-half of that amount being in bonds secured by mortgage. In the summer of that year, the board of directors of the Boston and Albany Railroad discussed the propriety of obtaining control of the road, and came to the unanimous conclusion that it was desirable to do so, the president, Mr. Chester W. Chapin, suggesting that in his opinion "the road could be got possession of, so that in the end it might become tributary to the Boston and Albany road." Mr. Lincoln, in his pamphlet addressed to the stockholders (Appendix, p. 132), says in regard to obtaining possession of this road, that "it was suggested as the only practicable way that if the president could and would secure a controlling interest in it, the directors would favor a lease of the road upon fair terms." At that time, it appeared that the directors understood that the Ware River road was to be secured in the interest of the Boston and Albany road.

Acting upon the suggestion of his directors, Mr. Chapin went on and acquired a controlling interest in the Ware River Railroad, his method of obtaining such control being fully set forth in his evidence, appended hereto. He finished the road to Winchendon, and in the course of so doing borrowed of Mr. Moses Kimball \$30,000, and of Mr. Ignatius Sargent \$25,000. In obtaining control of the road, Mr. Chapin bought large amounts of the bonds at from fifty to seventy cents on the dollar, and a foreclosure having been effected under the mortgage, the road was bought by Mr. Chapin for \$375,000, permission having been previously obtained from the Legislature of 1873 to organize a new company, and turn the bonds into stock. The new company was organized with Mr. Rumrill, the son-in-law of Mr. Chapin, as president. Mr. Chapin now found himself, with his friends, in possession of a controlling interest in the Ware River Railroad, with a board of directors of his own selection. He had gone into the enterprise in the interest of the Boston and Albany Railroad, and the question now came of turning over his con-

trol to that road. Mr. Chapin first offered to turn over his interest in the road to the Boston and Albany road, if that corporation would pay him the money he had put into the enterprise, with interest at seven per cent. To this it was objected that special legislation would be necessary to enable the Boston and Albany road to hold the stock, and without making any application therefor, the conclusion was reached that the Legislature would not grant such authority. Then came the question of leasing the property. What was Mr. Chapin's plain duty in the premises? Clearly to secure a lease for his trust property on the most favorable terms, giving that property the benefit of any profit arising from the transaction. Instead of exerting himself to accomplish this, we find him refraining from giving his advice, on a point which was vital to the interest of those whose property he was managing, because he was an "interested party." If his desire was to turn over the Ware River road without profit, as he expressed himself willing to do, he was exactly the person to so arrange the terms of the lease that all his profits should go to the treasury of the Boston and Albany road. No one could cavil at this, or complain that the president was placing himself in an equivocal position. But we find Mr. Chapin standing aloof, making suggestions in regard to the lease, but refraining from active participation in the matter. If, as suggested, he had placed himself under obligations to the other stockholders of the Ware River road, his obligations to the Boston and Albany stockholders were paramount. If the other stockholders of the Ware River road derived a pecuniary profit from the lease, there was nothing to prevent his turning over his own share at cost. It was not necessary that he should make a profit because the other shareholders were benefited. He went into the matter in the interest of the Boston and Albany road, and instead of endeavoring to contrive some plan by which his interest could be turned over to that road, we find him refraining from acting in the matter because of the personal profit that he expected to derive from the lease.

Mr. Lincoln says, that "if a legal right could have been obtained to purchase the road, or hold the bonds, the directors certainly made a mistake in not availing themselves of Mr. Chapin's offer to secure the property for the company." Why a mistake, if Mr. Chapin was honest in his offer, and was still ready to so arrange a lease that his

profits should go to the treasury of the company? If he was willing to turn over the property at what it cost him, if there was no legal obstacle in the way, why should not he be equally ready to lease the road without profit to himself and friends? Previous to the lease Mr. Chapin had settled with Messrs. Kimball and Sargent, giving Mr. Kimball 282 shares, and Mr. Sargent 235 shares, of the Ware River stock in payment for the loans advanced, besides a balance in cash.

The Committee believe that Mr. Chapin, as trustee for the stockholders, had no right to place himself in a position where his private interest contravened that of his trust. Let us follow it out, and see where it might lead. Not only was Mr. Chapin standing aloof in the matter of the lease, but Mr. Kimball, a state director, was pecuniarily interested, and he also stood aloof. Mr. Sargent, another director, had an interest, and he was debarred from acting.

If it was proper for these directors to be interested in the profits to accrue from the lease, what rule was there to exclude the remaining directors, and what protection was there for the stockholders whose property was to be used to enhance the private gains of individual directors? Messrs. Chapin, Kimball and Sargent were the finance committee of the Boston and Albany road, and the most influential members of the board of directors. The stockholders had intrusted them with the management of the railroad because they were active and influential, and with no thought that in a matter of so much importance they would be found placing themselves in such a position, that their personal interests were adverse to the interests of the trust; certainly with no thought that the Boston and Albany road was to be used to enhance the private gains of these directors.

Mr. Kimball's position in regard to the lease was somewhat different from that of either Mr. Chapin or Mr. Sargent. He had been chosen by the State as the guardian of her property. The Legislature, trusting implicitly in his judgment and integrity, had placed him on the board of direction, and intrusted to his keeping the interest of the citizens of the State; and in order that nothing should interfere to divert his mind or warp his judgment, had expressly provided that no such director should own the stock of the company. Here was a transaction which

directly affected the interest of the State as the largest stockholder in the Boston and Albany road, and Mr. Kimball had placed himself in a position where his private interest, and that no inconsiderable interest, was against the interest of the State, whose citizens relied upon him for protection. It is no excuse that he refrained from acting on the committee on the matter of the lease. Before entering upon such a transaction, he should have withdrawn from the board, and allowed another to fill the place which by every principle of right and justice, and according to the spirit of the statutes, he had vacated.

Although Mr. Kimball withdrew from the committee on the lease, we find him voting on the stock of the State to approve and ratify it, thereby turning the scale in its favor. The Committee fail to discern by what principle of morals Mr. Kimball felt justified in voting on the shares of others when the result was pecuniary gain to himself, and obliged to refrain from acting with the board of directors in fixing the terms of the lease. The authority of the state directors to vote on the stock of the Commonwealth is derived from the Resolve of 1843. If, as Mr. Kimball's counsel suggested in his closing argument, the powers and duties of the directors of the Western Railroad were not continued by the Act of 1867, consolidating the Western Railroad with the Boston and Worcester, then there may be a question whether the Ware River lease has yet been legally ratified.

If a trustee, using the property of his trust makes a profit thereby, he must, under the law, account for the profit to the trust fund. If these directors by using their trust property derived a profit, that profit belongs in the treasury of the Boston and Albany road. This question is one of vital importance to the people of the Commonwealth. The Boston and Albany Railroad is the great trunk line of the Commonwealth. It has a capital very much in excess of that of any other railroad in the State, and to the officers of this corporation the officials of other railroads, and the people, look for an intelligent, faithful and honest administration. If they fail to do their whole duty and escape censure, what example shall we have for the smaller corporations to follow? If such a transaction as the leasing of the Ware River road, in the manner it was leased, is proper, it is right that the parties should be fully acquitted; if, on the other hand, as the Committee

believe, it was a breach of trust on the part of these directors, it is equally important that it should be so decided by a tribunal whose opinions are the law of the land. In view of all the circumstances of the case, the Committee deem the best way of rendering exact justice to all parties is to submit the case to the proper legal tribunal for adjudication. They therefore recommend that the Attorney-General be instructed to bring an action against these directors for the purpose of securing the profits of the lease to the treasury of the Boston and Albany road. Only by such a course can the matter be properly tested, and it is equally for the interest of these directors, if they believe they are right in their position, that such a course be pursued, and their conduct vindicated, as it is for the interest of the State that her public servants should be held to a strict accountability in the performance of official duties.

EDWARD L. DAVIS,
Of the Senate.

GEORGE O. FAIRBANKS,
JOEL KNAPP,
CHAS. S. OSGOOD,
Of the House.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

RESOLVE instructing the Attorney-General to institute Proceedings against certain Officials of the Boston and Albany Railroad.

Resolved, That the Attorney-General, with the approval of the Governor and Council, is hereby instructed to take such action, and institute such proceedings, as he shall deem advisable for the recovery, on behalf of the Commonwealth, of its interest in any moneys or other property belonging to the Boston and Albany Railroad Company, in the hands of any officer, director, agent or employé thereof, and for the preservation and protection of the rights and property of the Commonwealth and other stockholders therein; and he is authorized to employ such assistance, legal or otherwise, as he may consider necessary, subject to the approval of the Governor and Council, the expense thereof to be paid out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 24, 1876.

The Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred the report of the Hon. Francis B. Hayes, a state director of the Boston and Albany Railroad, and who also were instructed by special order of the Legislature "to make a thorough investigation of the matters relating to the Boston and Albany Railroad, contained in the report of Francis B. Hayes, Esq., a state director, and report how far the statements and charges therein are correct; when and how far an ex-state director referred to was ever remiss in his full duty as such in furthering the interests of the people of this Commonwealth as required by statute or otherwise; and also when and how far he or any other director ever used his influence as a director of said corporation to further his personal interests, and for that purpose said Committee have authority to send for persons and papers, and that the Attorney-General or his assistant be requested to appear before said Committee in the interest of the Commonwealth," submit the following report:—

The Committee desire to express their obligations for the valuable assistance rendered by the Attorney-General throughout the investigation, he having attended all the hearings, and by his examination of the witnesses and his remarks at the close of the evidence greatly aided your Committee in the performance of their duties.

They find, in the first place, that Mr. Hayes, in making his report as he did, and at the time he did, simply performed his duty in the spirit and letter of the statute under which he was chosen a state director of the Boston and Albany Railroad. It is the judgment of the Committee that the opinions, statements, recommendations and conclusions of Mr. Hayes in regard to cheap transportation, guaranteed bills of lading, construction and expense accounts, dividends, wages of employes, holding of stated monthly meetings by directors, and other general principles of railroad administration, are sound and opportune, conservative alike of the best interests of the corporation and of the State, its largest stockholder.

The Committee find the statement of the report, "that one who has been many years a state director seems to have been interested in the stock while in office, it stand-

ing on the books of the company either in his brother's name as trustee, or in his own name as trustee, or directly in his own name, or pledged by him to another as collateral security for money borrowed by him, or held in the name of his wife," justified and verified by the evidence. By the evidence submitted with this Report (Appendix, pages 115, 116, 117, 118) it is clear beyond question that since the Resolve of 1866 took effect, Mr. Kimball held the office of state director in defiance and violation of law, and that every time he was elected to that office he was every time ineligible. It moreover appears by the evidence, that while holding the office of state director, he did, as Mr. Hayes in his report states, "profit largely by purchasing land adjacent to the track of the road when the company did not choose to buy, and selling the gravel from it to a contractor who required, in order to haul the gravel, the construction of a third track over the road for a distance of several miles, at a cost of about \$75,000." The details of the transaction may be found on pages 118, 119, 120, 121, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133 and 134 of the Appendix. There could be no profitable issue to this speculation except as the Boston and Albany Railroad became a party in it; the most important element and factor of it. And when Mr. Kimball took a large private interest in the enterprise, he put himself in a position where his private interest must conflict with his public duty as a state director. It was his duty as a state director to secure for the road and the State the largest possible benefit from the enterprise; it was for his private interest to secure the transportation of the gravel at the lowest possible rate. Between the two interests there is, of necessity, an inevitable conflict; and, therefore, in law and reason, they are never allowed to centre in one and the same individual.

Therefore, that a state director should appear in this transaction, sharing the profits with the road and with the contractors, Barrett and Munson (that share being the considerable sum of \$30,000), seems to the Committee, not an impropriety merely, but a grave dereliction of duty. Such a mingling of public trust and private interest admits of no defence. It deserves censure, and demands restitution.

The final and most important topic of Mr. Hayes' report is the leasing of the Ware River Railroad. In 1872, this

was a bankrupt corporation. Its road, as projected, extended from Palmer to Winchendon, a distance of about fifty miles. It had been completed to Gilbertville, a distance of sixteen miles. In 1872, it was thought desirable that this road should be acquired for the Boston and Albany Railroad. Mr. Chapin said (Appendix, page 18) that "it was the unanimous opinion of all the board that it was a desirable piece of property for us to obtain." Mr. Lincoln said (Appendix, page 131) the directors were unanimously of the opinion that it would be for the interest and protection of the Boston and Albany road to obtain the possession and control of this road; but, inasmuch as "the company could not itself purchase the road or the bonds, and as the only practicable way, it was suggested that, if the president could and would secure a controlling interest in it, the directors would favor a lease of the road upon fair terms." (Appendix, page 132.) Under this authority, Mr. Chapin did obtain control of the road, and, as he himself says, in the interest of the Boston and Albany Railroad (Appendix, pages 21, 23); although, when recalled by his counsel (Appendix, page 379), he denied that he acted as its agent. To this end, he bought large amounts of the bonds of the Ware River Railroad at from fifty to about seventy cents on the dollar. So did his son-in-law, Mr. Rumrill. Mr. Kimball, a state director, assisted him in the undertaking, loaning him \$30,000; and Mr. Sargent, a stock director, also assisted him, loaning him \$50,000; and both received their pay chiefly in the new stock into which the bonds were converted, after the sale of the road and the foreclosure of the mortgage of the road given to secure the bonds. They received the stock, as Mr. Chapin stated, at the average price it had cost him. Mr. Rumrill was made president of the new company.

The road was completed from Gilbertville to Winchendon, and then leased to the Boston and Albany Railroad for 999 years, under a covenant of the Boston and Albany to pay the cost of completing the road, equip it, run it, assume and pay all its obligations and a rental of 5 per cent. the first year, 5½ the second, 6 the third, 6½ the fourth and 7 per cent. thereafter, semi-annually, upon the capital stock (\$750,000), free of all taxes and assessments forever, and in addition \$500 annually to maintain the corporate existence of the Ware River Railroad. This

lease immediately appreciated the value of the stock and bonds of the Ware River Railroad. Mr. Kimball testified that at the time he was under examination the stock was worth 112. (Appendix, page 112.) From this large increase in value, Mr. Chapin, his family and friends reaped a rich harvest of profit. But the harvest grew directly from the lease. The lease is the seed. The Boston and Albany Railroad planted it, and has got to cultivate it. It has to bear the burden, and it, and it alone, should receive the profit. No agent of the Boston and Albany Railroad, be he president or director, no state director acting as a trustee of the Commonwealth's interest in that road, should be allowed to make a private gain and profit out of that lease. The Committee fully agree with Mr. Hayes in his report (page 11) that it is improper for a director—certainly for a state director—to embark in any private enterprise which requires for its success the action of the directors of which he is one. And again (page 15), that no private interests should be subserved by the managers of our property at the expense of the stockholders and the public generally, and that superior officers should set the example of fidelity and disinterestedness to all their subordinates. And, finally, the Committee agree with Mr. Hayes (page 16), that some method can be devised so that the Boston and Albany Railroad can legally receive all the advantages it is justly entitled to in the well-known and now somewhat notorious transactions of the gravel bank and the Ware River Railroad. The Committee therefore recommend to the Legislature the passage of the following Resolves.

ALBERT PALMER,
Of the Senate.

FRED'K P. MOSELEY,
Of the House.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

RESOLVES concerning certain Officials of the Boston and Albany Railroad.

WHEREAS, It appears that Moses Kimball, while a state director in the Boston and Albany Railroad, was the owner

of sundry shares in the stock of said road, contrary to the statute in such case made and provided,—

1. *Resolved*, That this violation of law by said Kimball is without justification or excuse.

WHEREAS, It appears that Moses Kimball, while a state director in the Boston and Albany Railroad, availed himself of his position as such director to become a party to contracts for the purchase of land and the sale of gravel, and obtained thereby the sum of thirty thousand dollars as profits, which should have inured to the treasury of said road,—

2: *Resolved*, That in so doing said Kimball violated the trust reposed in him when elected to said office, and that he now retains said thirty thousand dollars contrary to equity and good conscience.

WHEREAS, It appears that Moses Kimball, while a state director in the Boston and Albany Railroad, was placed upon a committee of the directors for the purpose of acquiring the Ware River Railroad in the interest and for the benefit of the Boston and Albany road; and subsequently, and while a member of said committee, became privately interested in the acquisition of said Ware River road for his own gain, ceasing to act upon said committee; and thereafterwards as state director voted upon the shares owned by the Commonwealth to ratify a lease between said roads from which he has derived and appropriated to his own use large profits,—

3. *Resolved*, That the conduct of said Kimball, in this behalf, was a gross violation of his duty to the state and stockholders whose trustee he was, and that he was thereby guilty of malfeasance in his said office.

WHEREAS, It appears that Chester W. Chapin, a director and the president of the Boston and Albany Railroad, and Ignatius Sargent, another director in said road, participated with said Moses Kimball in procuring a lease to be made between the Ware River road and the Boston and Albany road, which was intended to inure to the private emolument of said Chapin, Sargent and Kimball, and thus to the injury of the stockholders of the Boston and Albany road, whose agents and trustees they were,—

4. *Resolved*, That in so doing said Chapin, Sargent and Kimball have been guilty of a violation of their official duty; have perverted the trust and confidence reposed in them to their private ends, in contravention of equity and

good morals; and that said Chapin, Sargent and Kimball deserve and should receive therefor, the censure and condemnation of all high-minded and honorable men.

5. *Resolved*, That the Attorney-General is hereby instructed to take such action, and institute such proceedings as he shall deem advisable for the recovery of any moneys or other property belonging to the Boston and Albany Railroad Company, in the hands of any officer, director, agent or employé thereof, and for the preservation and protection of the rights and property of the Commonwealth and other stockholders therein; and he is authorized to employ such assistance, legal or otherwise, as he may consider necessary, subject to the approval of the Governor and Council, the expense thereof to be paid out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Bills Enacted.

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills:

To authorize the town of Malden to issue additional water fund bonds;

In addition to an Act to supply the city of Worcester with pure water;

For the relief of the Eastern Railroad Company, and the securing of its debts and liabilities;

In relation to the custody and protection of records and papers of probate courts;

Making appropriations to meet certain expenditures authorized the present year, and for other purposes;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;)

To authorize the county commissioners of the county of Barnstable to lay out a highway over land of the Commonwealth in the towns of Truro and Provincetown;

To provide for the exchange of certain bonds and promissory notes, payable to bearer, for registered bonds and promissory notes, and for other purposes;

To amend chapter 103 of the General Statutes, and chapter 188 of the Acts of the year 1874, relating to sales of land and rights on execution;

(Which severally originated in the Senate;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Resolve passed.

An engrossed Resolve concerning the printing of laws relating to elections (which originated in the Senate), was passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Motion to Reconsider.

Mr. Jones of Abington moved a reconsideration of the Evening session. vote for an evening session, passed this forenoon. Laid on the table.

Resolutions.

Mr. Pierce of Milton being in the chair, Mr. Gargan of Boston offered the following Resolution :—

Resolved, That the thanks of the members of the House of Representatives are hereby tendered to the Hon. John D. Long for the promptness, ability and impartiality with which he has performed the important duties of the chair, to the entire satisfaction of the members of the House and the great advantage of the public service. Thanks to the Speaker.

After remarks by Messrs. Gargan, Hale, Pillsbury, Lee and Ropes of Boston, Kellogg of Pittsfield, Batchelor of New Bedford, Jones of Abington, Merritt of Springfield, Noble of Westfield, Morse of Canton, Bowen of Leominster, McCafferty of Worcester, and Preston of Beverly, the resolution was unanimously passed by a rising vote.

The Speaker resumed the chair, and spoke as follows :—

I wish, gentlemen, I could find something else than the formal language of an occasion like this. I wish you knew the value to me and mine of the resolution you have adopted, and of every word of commendation you have so generously spoken. My heart is full of your kindness. Bringing you nothing but inexperience and good intentions, you have given me in return unvarying forbearance and courtesy, relieving my position of all difficulty, and making it one of ease and delightful interest. I have not, however, been blind to the errors to which you have shut your eyes. I can claim no other merit than that of doing the best I could ; of being ambitious to be fair, rather than technical ; and of facilitating and forwarding to my utmost the meritorious business of the session.

But let me rather express my high appreciation of your services. Your work in the committee-room was incessant, and your attendance in this hall has been patient, faithful, close and full to a remarkable degree. Unprecedented is your almost absolute compliance with the rules requiring reports of committees to be made by the 22d of March, and prohibiting the introduction of unimperative new business after the expiration of the allotted

time. You have responded to the popular will. In spite of a crowded docket, you have shown that the legislation of the Commonwealth may be done, and well done, in a shorter session, than in any preceding year since 1861. The brevity of your blue-book will exhibit the soul of your wit. You have met every question that affected the public right and honor. You have bravely recognized the necessity of economy, judiciously pruning the list of state expenditures. You have illustrated the true scope of your organization,—the reflection of the present paramount wishes of the people.

The House of Representatives is not a body that originates or leads. That is the work of the individual, in or out of legislative halls,—of the country parson in his study, of the shoemaker on his bench, of the woman who ministers to the poor in your streets, of the merchant in the counting-room. This is only a representative body, reflecting public sentiment, and expressing in statutes whatever may be the reach of the hour in the community at large. The successive enactments of Massachusetts are a history of her progress in morals, in intellectual and material growth. If this truth were remembered, the flip-pant sneer at the Legislature would not be uttered so often. This cumbrous assembly is the expression of a Republican Government, the voice of the average sense of the people; and it is a false institution only if a republic is a false system of government. It is entitled to respect and confidence; its instincts are right; it never errs maliciously; and such is its ultimate good judgment, that, however ponderously it may lurch here and there in arriving at results, they almost invariably command the public approbation. Fresh from the people, representing every phase of circumstance and opinion, changing and unwieldy, its legislation is nevertheless safer and better than if five or ten men, though selected from the purest and wisest citizens of the Commonwealth, sat in its place year after year. It only needs that our constituents respond to the patient and intelligent committees, who attend here day after day eager for the suggestions and information which too often come slowly and unwillingly from those who criticise the action they neglect to aid in moulding.

But I am departing from my intent. How near and warm seem our relations, now that we are saying to one another our kind farewells! They include, I am sure, our

Chaplain, whose prayers, fervent in spirit and in word, have been the meet and simple utterances of the heart of a Christian; our Clerk, who, as I know from daily intimacy with his work, is entitled to more than a formal recognition, and whose thorough, accurate and prompt expedition of the complicated duties of his place has made the machinery of legislation so swift and clear for you and so easy for me; also his faithful assistant; and also our excellent Sergeant-at-Arms and his staff, who deserve, as they have earned, our approval for their courteous and unofficial attention to the discharge of their labors.

Among ourselves, what could have been more delightful than our winter's coöperation and acquaintance? We shall not soon forget each other's faces. The protracted illness of two of our number has shown that deeper than the official relations that unite us, lie the sympathies of our kindly brotherhood. Decorum, attention, earnestness, have marked the whole session. As a body of public servants, I believe we have known no narrower interest than the public good; as fellow-members, we part with the heartiest good-will and kindest wishes. My own warmest regards, believe me, go with each of you. I trust that in the community in which your lot is cast, you may continue to aid in diffusing the sound morals, the love of law and order, the enlightened mind, which are the soul of a true republic, and especially in emphasizing that simplicity in living and circumstance, that fidelity to trust, that elevated tone in public life, that nice sense of accountability in the public service, upon the maintenance of which depends the permanence of a government by the people.

May you go back to the benediction of your constituents and to homes as happy as the sunshine of the May-day morning, which will see you returned to the people whom you have so faithfully and honorably represented in the Legislature of this Centennial year.

Mr. Gardner of Palmer offered the following Resolution, which was unanimously passed by a rising vote:—

Thanks to the Clerk.

Resolved, That the thanks of the House are due, and are hereby tendered to the Clerk for the very efficient and satisfactory manner in which he has performed his official duties during the present session of the Legislature.

Mr. Rice of Danvers offered the following Resolution, which was unanimously passed:—

Thanks to the Chaplain.

Resolved, That the thanks of the House be extended to

the Rev. Robert G. Seymour for the acceptable and appropriate manner in which he has conducted the religious services of the session.

Thanks to the
Sergeant-at-
Arms.

Mr. Osgood of Salem offered the following Resolution, which was unanimously passed:—

Resolved, That we offer the acknowledgments of the House to the Sergeant-at-Arms and his several assistants for the very courteous, able and faithful manner in which they have performed their official duties during the present session of the Legislature.

Adjourned until 7 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

Papers from the Senate.

Explosive com-
pounds.

Notice was received of the rejection by the Senate of the House Bill in regard to the manufacture, storage, use, transportation and sale of explosive compounds.

The following Order, adopted by the Senate, was indefinitely postponed, on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston:—

Manuals.

Ordered, That the Clerks of the two branches cause to be printed, before the meeting of the next General Court, three thousand copies of so much of the legislative manual as may be deemed practicable, on the general plan of that of the present session.

Reports of Committees.

Employés State
Charities.

By Mr. Partridge of Medway, from the committee of Conference to whom was referred the matter of difference between the two branches on the Bill relating to certain employés of the Board of State Charities, that the House should concur in the Senate amendment. Read, accepted under suspension of the rule, and sent up for concurrence.

Burial permits.

By Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, from the committee of Conference, to whom were referred the matters of disagreement between the two branches on the Bill in relation to burial permits and records of deaths in the city of Boston, that each House adhere to its action in the matter. Read, accepted under suspension of the rule, and sent up for concurrence.

B. & A. R. R.
resolve.

By Mr. Ropes of Boston, from the committee of Conference to whom was referred the matter of difference

between the two branches on the Resolve instructing the Attorney-General to institute proceedings against certain officials of the Boston and Albany Railroad, that the Senate amendment should be amended to read as follows :—

Resolved, That the president and certain of the directors of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company have, as appears by the evidence submitted before the committee on Railroads, been engaged in certain pecuniary transactions inconsistent with the honorable and faithful discharge of their trust.

Read, accepted under suspension of the rule, and sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Kimball of Boston, from the committee on Finance, on a general order, a Bill in further addition to an Act making appropriations to meet certain expenditures authorized the present year, and for other purposes. The rules were suspended, and the bill was read three times, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Appropriation
Bill No. 10.

Bills Enacted.

Engrossed bills :

Bills enacted.

Relating to the division of Ward 22 of the city of Boston into two wards ;

To establish the salary of the clerks and messenger in the Surgeon-General's department ;

In further addition to an Act to establish a hospital for the insane in the north-eastern part of the Commonwealth ;

Relating to the several municipal courts of the city of Boston ;

In addition to an Act making appropriations to meet certain expenditures authorized the present year, and for other purposes ;

Relating to ward officers in the city of Boston ;

Relating to certain employes of the Board of State Charities ;

To apportion and assess a state tax of \$1,800,000 ; and

In further addition to an Act making appropriations to meet certain expenditures authorized the present year, and for other purposes ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Resolves
passed.

Engrossed resolves :

Relating to militia encampments in the present year ;

Authorizing the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue ;

Instructing the Attorney-General to institute proceedings against certain officials of the Boston and Albany Railroad ;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives ;)

Were severally passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Prorogation.

Prorogation.

Ordered, In concurrence, that a committee be appointed, to consist of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, to wait upon His Excellency the Governor, and inform him that the two branches of the Legislature have disposed of all the public business which has been brought before them, and to request him, with the advice and consent of the Council, to prorogue them to the Tuesday next preceding the first Wednesday of January next.

Messrs. Robinson of Hampden, Sargent and Dacey having been appointed on the part of the Senate, Messrs. King of Boston, Allen of Boston, Searle of Grafton, Smith of Boston, Parker of Milford, Coggs of Fitchburg, Sandford of Ware, Clark of Lee, and Stevens of Braintree, were joined on the part of the House.

Mr. King, from the committee, afterwards reported that they had waited upon His Excellency the Governor, and informed him of the action of the two branches, and that His Excellency was pleased to say that he had acted upon all matters that had been laid before him. He congratulated the two Houses upon the early close of their session, and stated that the Secretary of the Commonwealth would forthwith prorogue the two branches, in compliance with their request.

At 10.10 p. m., the Secretary of the Commonwealth appeared, and, having stated that His Excellency the Governor had signed two hundred forty-seven Acts and fifty-seven Resolves, being all that had been placed before him, excepting an Act to confirm the marriage of James Parton and Ellen Willis Eldredge and an Act to regulate the sale of intoxicating liquor, each of which had been returned by him to the branch in which it originated with

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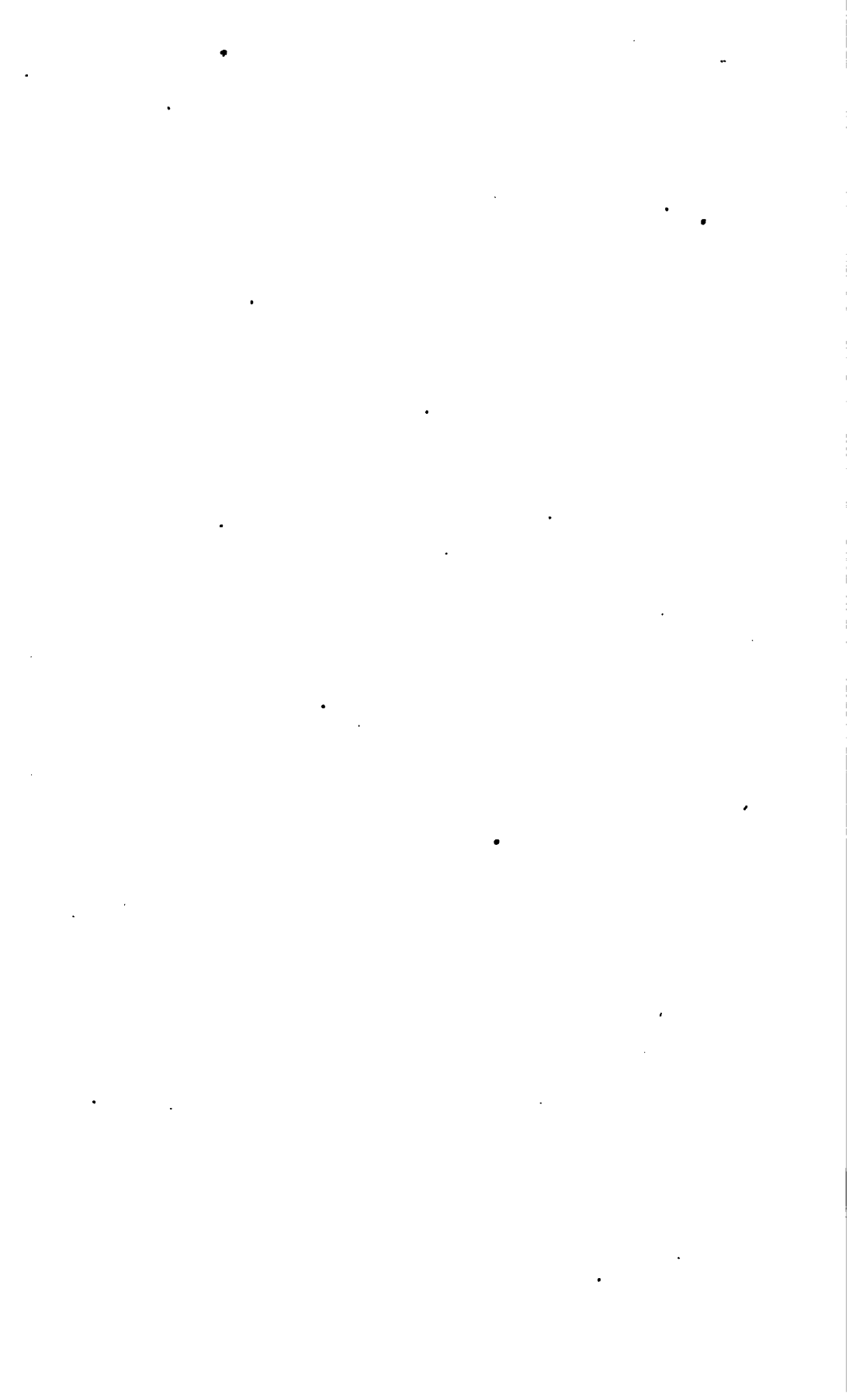
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his objections thereto, proceeded to say that he had been directed by the Governor, by the consent of the Council, and in accordance with the request of the two branches, to prorogue the General Court to the Tuesday next preceding the first Wednesday in January next. And the General Court was prorogued accordingly.

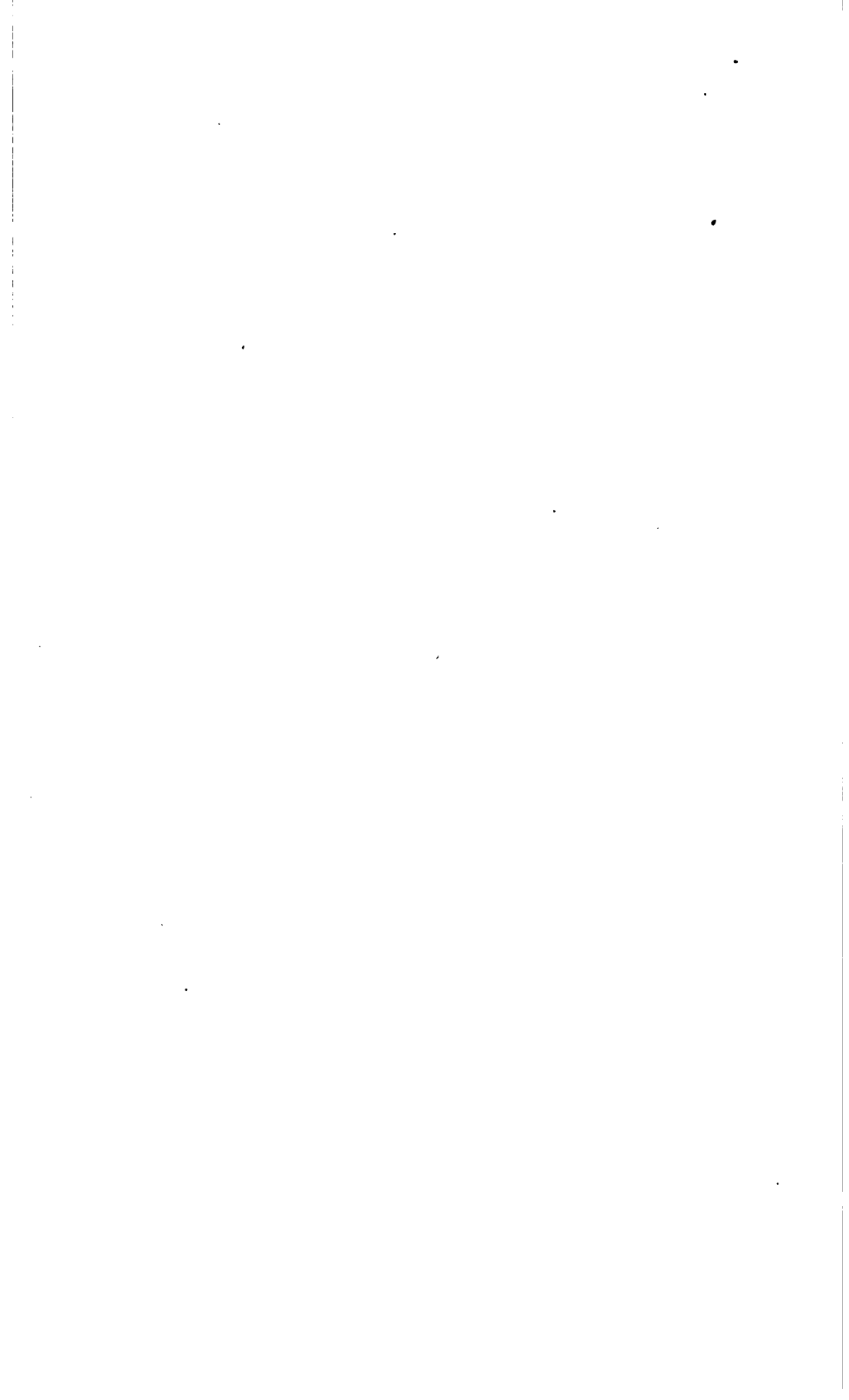
Attest :

GEORGE A. MARDEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.



APPENDIX.



[No. 1.]

ANNUAL REGISTER

OF THE

Executive and Legislative Departments

OF THE

GOVERNMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS,

1876.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

NAME AND OFFICE.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Native Place.	Occupation.	First year in office.
Alexander H. Rice, <i>Governor</i> , . . .	Boston, . .	Aug. 30, 1818,	Newton, . .	Merchant, . .	1876.
Horatio G. Knight, <i>Lieut. Governor</i> , . .	Easthampton, .	Mar. 24, 1817,	Easthampton, .	Manuf. & Merchant,	1852.†
Joseph K. Baker, <i>Councillor</i> . Dist. No. 1, . .	Dennisport, .	Oct. 8, 1827,	Dennis, . .	Merchant, . .	1869.*
Harrison Tweed, " " 2, . .	Taunton, . .	Feb. 17, 1806,	South Reading,	Taun. Loco. Works,	1852.†
Alden Leland, " " 3, . .	Holliston, .	Nov. 30, 1809,	Andover, Vt., .	Boot & Shoe Manuf.,	1838.†
James Sturgis, " " 4, . .	Boston, . .	Aug. 21, 1822,	Boston, . .	Merchant, . .	1876.
Robert Couch, " " 5, . .	Newburyport, .	- 1817,	Newburyport, .	Master Mariner, .	1872.†
George O. Brastow, " " 6, . .	Somerville, .	Sept. 8, 1811,	Wrentham, . .	Trader, . .	1849.†
George Whitney, " " 7, . .	Royalston, .	21, 1817,	Royalston, . .	Manufacturer, .	1850.†
William C. Plunkett, " " 8, . .	Adams, . .	Oct. 23, 1800,	Lenox, . .	Manufacturer, .	1841.§
George H. Campbell, <i>Governor's Priv. Sec'y</i> , . .	Boston, . .	Sept. 22, 1850,	Amherst, N. H.,	Lawyer, . .	1875.

Heads of Departments—

Henry B. Pelee, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Abington,	Aug. 6, 1841,	Duxbury,	Insurance Broker,	1876.
Charles Endicott, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Canton,	Oct. 28, 1822,	Canton,	Lawyer,	1870.
Julius L. Clarke, <i>Auditor</i> ,	Newton,	Nov. 11, 1813,	Portland, Coan.,	Editor,	1859.
Charles R. Train, <i>Attorney-General</i> ,	Boston,	Oct. 18, 1817,	Framingham,	Lawyer,	1847.
James A. Cunningham, <i>Adjutant-General</i> ,	Gloucester,	Nov. 27, 1830,	Boston,	Farmer,	1866.

* In House, 1869. In Senate, 1872. In Council, 1874.

† In House, 1849. In Senate, 1854. In Council, 1874.

† House of Representatives.

§ In Senate, 1841.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

SENATE.
GEORGE B. LORING, PRESIDENT.

Districts.	SENATORS.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Native Place.	Occupation.	1st year in Leg.
SUFFOLK COUNTY.						
First District,	Eustace C. Fitz,	Chelsea,	Feb. 5, 1838,	Haverhill,	Merchant,	1873.*
Second "	Timothy J. Dacey,	Boston,	Oct. 11, 1849,	Boston,	Lawyer,	1874.*
Third "	M. J. Flaley,	"	"	Ireland,	Hotel-keeper,	1875.
Fourth "	Francis D. Stedman,	"	Feb. 10, 1801,	Lancaster,	Insurance Agent,	1856.*
Fifth "	Samuel D. Crane,	"	June 14, 1816,	Boston,	Merchant,	1868.†
Sixth "	Thos. F. Fitz Gerald,	"	Dec. 20, 1848,	Ireland,	Clerk,	1873.
ESSEX COUNTY.						
First District,	Peter M. Neal,	Lynn,	Sept. 21, 1811,	No. Berwick, Me.,	Lumber Dealer,	1870.*
Second "	George B. Loring,	Salem,	Nov. 8, 1817,	North Andover,	Farmer,	1866.*
Third "	George L. Davis,	No. Andover,	June 17, 1816,	Oxford,	Manufacturer,	1859.*
Fourth "	Haydn Brown,	W. Newbury,	Feb. 16, 1819,	West Newbury,	Manufacturer,	1876.
Fifth "	Charles Howes,	Essex,	Oct. 26, 1826,	Chatham,	Trader,	1858.*
MIDDLESEX COUNTY.						
First District,	Caleb Rand,	Boston,	Nov. 7, 1817,	Charlestown,	Printer,	1868.*
Second "	Selwyn Z. Bowman,	Somerville,	May 11, 1810,	Charlestown,	Lawyer,	1870.*
Third "	John Sargent,	Cambridge,	1799,	Hillboro', N. H.,	Retired Merchant,	1844.*
Fourth "	Francis J. Parker,	Newton,	Mar. 8, 1826,	Boston,	Manufacturer,	1858.†
Fifth "	Joseph A. Harwood,	Littleton,	Mar. 26, 1827,	Littleton,	Manuf. & Farmer,	1875.

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Sixth District, . . .	John Cummings, .	Woburn, .	Oct. 19, 1812, .	Woburn, .	Tanner & Currier, .	1876.
Seventh " . . .	Wm. E. Livingston, .	Lowell, .	June 25, 1832, .	Lowell, .	Merchant, . . .	
WORCESTER COUNTY.						
First District, . . .	Edward L. Davis, .	Worcester, .	Apr. 22, 1834, .	Worcester, .	Manufacturer, .	1876.
Second " . . .	Aaron C. Mayhew, .	Milford, .	July 22, 1812, .	Hopkinton, .	Manufacturer, .	1857.*
Third " . . .	Emery L. Bates, .	Sturbridge, .	Mar. 16, 1823, .	Sturbridge, .	Agent, etc., . .	1865.*
Fourth " . . .	Moses O. Ayres, .	Oakham, .	July 21, 1826, .	New Braintree, .	Manufacturer, .	1861.*
Fifth " . . .	Elisha Brimhall, .	Clinton, .	Mar. 25, 1826, .	Oakham, . . .	Retired Merchant, .	1871.*
HAMFEN COUNTY.						
First District, . . .	Tilly Haynes, . .	Springfield, .	Feb. 13, 1828, .	Sudbury, . . .	General Business, .	1868.*
Second " . . .	George D. Robinson, .	Chicopee, .	Jan. 20, 1834, .	Lexington, . .	Lawyer, . . .	1874.*
BERKSHIRE AND HAMPSHIRE COUNTIES.						
Hampshire District, . .	William M. Gaylord, .	Northampton, .	Sept. 28, 1821, .	New Milford, Ct., .	Manufacturer, .	1875.*
Berksh. and Hamps. Dist., .	Norman W. Shores, .	Lee, . . .	June, 1834, .	Norfolk, Ct., .	Lawyer, . . .	1876.
Berkshire District . . .	Byron Weston, . .	Dalton, . .	April 9, 1832, .	Dalton, . . .	Manufacturer, .	1876.
FRANKLIN COUNTY.						
Franklin District, . . .	Horace H. Mayhew, .	Charlemont, .	May 19, 1826, .	Charlemont, .	Merchant, . . .	1874.*
NORFOLK AND PLYMOUTH COUNTIES.						
First Norfolk District, .	Albert Palmer, . .	Boston, . .	Jan. 17, 1831, .	Candia, N. H., .	Ice, . . .	1872.*
Second " . . .	Joseph E. Fiske, .	Needham, .	Oct. 23, 1839, .	Needham, . . .	Real Estate, . .	1874.*
Third " . . .	J. White Belcher, .	Randolph, .	Nov. 14, 1828, .	Randolph, . .	Grain Dealer, . .	1855.*
Norfolk and Plym. Dist., .	E. Atherton Hunt, .	Weymouth, .	Jan. 2, 1826, .	Weymouth, . .	Manufacturer, .	1873.*
First Plymouth District, .	Everett Robinson, .	Middleboro', .	Jan. 22, 1816, .	Middleboro', .	Lawyer, . . .	1850.*
Second " . . .	Henry W. Robinson, .	Brockton, .	Oct. 9, 1819, .	Stow, . . .	Merchant, . . .	1875.

* House of Representatives.

† Senate.

DISTRICTS.	SENATORS.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Native Place.	Occupation.	1st year in Leg.
BRISTOL COUNTY.						
First District, . . .	Samuel S. Ginnodo, . .	Attleborough, . .	Oct. 15, 1816, . .	So. Kingst'n, R. I., .	Manuf'g Jeweller, .	1874.*
Second " . . .	Benjamin F. Wing, . .	Dartmouth, . .	Oct. 22, 1822, . .	Dartmouth, . .	Farmer, etc., . .	1872.*
Third " . . .	Philip J. Tripp, . .	Freetown, . .	Oct. 28, 1822, . .	Dartmouth, . .	Farmer, . .	1876.
BARNSTABLE, NANTUCKET AND DUKES COUNTIES.						
Cape District, . . .	Jonathan Higgins, . .	Orleans, . .	Nov. 21, 1816, . .	Orleans, . .	Attorney-at-law, .	1876.
Island " . . .	Ezra C. Howard, . .	N. Sandwich, . .	Sept. 1, 1831, . .	Sandwich, . .	Iron Founder, . .	1871.*

* House of Representatives.

OFFICERS OF THE SENATE.

NAME AND OFFICE.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Native Place.	1st year in Leg.
Stephen N. Gifford, <i>Clerk</i> ,	Duxbury, . .	July 21, 1815, . .	Pembroke, . .	1858.
Isaac Dunham, <i>Chaplain</i> ,	Bridgewater, . .	- - -	- - -	1876.
O. F. Mitchell, <i>Sergeant-at-Arms</i> (to both branches),	Bridgewater, . .	- - -	- - -	1875.

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JOHN D. LONG, SPEAKER.

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DISTRICTS.	REPRESENTATIVES.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Native Place.	Occupation.	1st year in Leg.
SUFFOLK COUNTY.						
No. 1.	Andrew Hall, . Henry B. Hill, . Eben'r M. McPherson, Michael Carney, . Neil Doherty, . Thomas Mooney, . Thomas J. Gargan, . Thomas L. Jenks, . Nathaniel J. Rust, . Charles Hale, . Samuel Talbot, Jr., . Alex'r Wadsworth, . George A. Shaw, * John J. Murphy, . Michael Sullivan, . Henry Lee, . David L. Webster, . Robert D. Smith, .	Boston, . " . " . " . " . " . " . " . " . " . " . " . " . " . " . " . " . " .	Mar. 16, 1833, Nov. 16, 1828, Oct. 24, 1836, Nov. 12, 1827, Mar. 15, 1838, Jan. 7, 1840, 1844, June 27, 1829, Nov. 28, 1833, June 7, 1831, Jan. 12, 1822, May 6, 1806, Sept. 4, 1816, — Apr. 10, 1837, Sept. 2, 1817, July 24, 1813, Apr. 23, 1838,	Marshfield, . Salem, Shelburne, N. S., Ireland, " . " . Boston, Conway, N. H., Gorham, Me., Boston, Plymouth, . Hiram, Me., Plymouth, . — England, . Boston, Portsmouth, N. H., Brandon, Miss., .	Coal and Wood Dealer, . Cooper, . Merchant, . Trader, . Grocer, . Printer, . Lawyer, . Physician, . Wholesale Druggist, . Lawyer, . Provision Dealer, . Surveyor & Civil Eng., . Real Estate Dealer, . — Trader, . Broker, . Leather Dealer, . Lawyer, .	1876. 1872. 1876. 1869. 1875. 1876. 1868. 1870. 1874. 1856. 1875. 1876. 1859. — 1876. 1876. 1876. 1876.

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Districts.	REPRESENTATIVES.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Native Place.	Occupation.	1st year in Leg.
SUFFOLK Co.—Con.						
No. 7.	Michael J. Croak, James F. Supple, Patrick Barry., Daniel Noonan, William Woods, J. Franklin Appell., Moses Kimball., James White., Joseph F. Paul, Albert E. Pillsbury., Wallace F. Robinson, Stillman B. Allen, John H. Cook., Lyman S. Hapgood, Alonzo Warren, Charles A. Rogers., Henry T. Holmes., Ensign Kimball, .	Boston, . " . " . " . " . " . " . " . " . " . " . " . " . " . " . Chelsea, " . Revere, .	Aug. 28, 1843. Oct. 22, 1844, Mar. 17, 1884, Feb. 7, 1884, Sept. 13, 1840, Dec. 13, 1840, Oct. 24, 1809, July 9, 1828, Jan. 22, 1823, Aug. 19, 1849, Dec. 22, 1832, Sept. 8, 1830, July 28, 1841, Dec. 10, 1822, June 7, 1836, May 28, 1829, Oct. 7, 1818,	Boston, Bradford, Eng., Ireland, " . Boston, Paradise, Penn., Newburyport, Hinsdale, York, Me., Milford, N. H., Reading, Vt., Sanford, Me., Northampton, Waterford, Me., Charleston, Vt., Boston, " . Tainworth, N. H.,	Book-keeper, Clerk, . Grocer., Printer, " . Physician, " . " . Merchant, Builder & Manufacturer, Lawyer, Merchant, Lawyer, Apothecary., Bank President, Manuf. Water Wheels, Importer of Crockery, Wharfinger, . Farmer, .	1872. 1876. 1870. 1875. 1875. 1876. 1876. 1850. 1876. 1857. 1876. 1876. 1876. 1867. 1876. 1876. 1876. 1853.
Essex County.						
No. 1.	George W. Morrill, Enoch Sawyer, Oliver Taylor., Jackson B. Swett, John B. Nichols, .	Amesbury, Salisbury, Haverhill, " . " .	May 15, 1818, Nov. 27, 1841, July 12, 1826, Feb. 12, 1815, Mar. 28, 1814,	Amesbury, . Salisbury, . Atkinson, N. H., Haverhill, . " .	Manufacturer, Operative, . Clothier, . Shoe Manufacturer, " . " .	1876. 1876. 1876. 1876. 1852.

No. 3,	Byron Truell,	Lawrence,	Nov. 23, 1834,	St. Johnsbury, Vt.,	Merchant,	1876.
.	Edwin Ayer,	"	Mar. 27, 1827,	Charlestown,	Blacksmith,	1876.
4,	Ebenezer Sawyer,	Methuen,	4, 1809,	Ipswich,	Trader,	1875.
5,	Andrew Smith,	N. Andover,	June 12, 1838,	Effingham, N. H.,	Postmaster,	1876.
.	Sherman Nelson,	Georgetown,	28, 1834,	Georgetown,	Stable-keeper,	1876.
6,	Caleb B. Huse,	Newburyport,	Sept. 13, 1838,	"	Printer & Publish'r,	1876.
.	Michael Atkinson,	"	Dec. 13, 1813,	Newbury,	Manufacturer,	1875.
7,	Daniel D. Bailey,	Newbury,	June 20, 1834,	Newbury,	Merchant,	1875.
.	George Haskell,	Ipswich,	Aug. 24, 1809,	Newburyport,	Lawyer,	1839.
8,	John J. Babson,	Gloucester,	June 15, 1809,	Gloucester,	"	1859.
.	Charles H. Pew, 2d,	"	Aug. 23, 1842,	"	Manufacturer,	1875.
9,	Daniel W. Bartlett,	Essex,	Apr. 27, 1829,	Salisbury,	Painter,	1876.
.	Henry Dennis, Jr.,	Rockport,	May 24, 1827,	Rockport,	Book-keeper,	1875.
10,	John B. Hill,	Beverly,	1824,	Beverly,	Jeweller,	1866.
.	David A. Preston,	"	Aug. 5, 1846,	"	Assessor,	1876.
11,	Charles B. Rice,	Danvers,	June 29, 1829,	Conway,	Clergyman,	1876.
12,	James E. T. Bartlett,	Peabody,	July 19, 1825,	Amesbury,	Currier,	1876.
.	Charles S. Osgood,	Salem,	Mar. 13, 1839,	Salem,	Lawyer,	1874.
13,	Henry W. Putnam,	"	July 20, 1843,	"	Printer & Publish'r,	1876.
14,	Henry G. Tuttle,	"	June 11, 1812,	"	Currier,	1876.
15,	John Freeto,	Marblehead,	Nov. 29, 1825,	Marblehead,	Shoemaker,	1876.
.	Nath'l E. Lindsey,	"	Apr. 25, 1843,	"	Shoe-cutter,	1876.
16,	Ephraim A. Ingalls,	Lynn,	July 14, 1826,	Lynn,	Expressman,	1876.
17,	Nathan M. Hawkes,	"	Nov. 1, 1843,	Lynnfield,	Lawyer,	1875.
18,	Amos F. Breed,	"	Oct. 15, 1830,	Lynn,	Shoe Manufac.,	1865.
19,	Edwin Walden,	"	Nov. 25, 1818,	"	"	1854.
20,	Otis M. Hitchings,	Saugus,	Aug. 8, 1822,	Saugus,	"	1876.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY.						
No. 1,	Francis E. Downer, . Benjamin F. Stacey, . John B. Norton, .	Charlestown, . " . Boston, .	Mar. 6, 1832, Dec. 26, 1834, May 27, 1828,	Lebanon, N. H., . Gloucester, . Livermore, Me., .	Grocer, . Apothecary, . Linings & Shoe Bindings, .	1876. 1876. 1876.
3,	Samuel D. Sawin, . Joseph W. Hill, . Charles G. Pope, .	" . " . Somerville, .	Feb. 2, 1836, June 27, 1837, Nov. 18, 1840,	Slow, . Scituate, . Hardwick, .	Merchant, . Builder, . Lawyer, .	1869. 1874. 1876.
4,	Theodore N. Foque, . Alonzo H. Evans, . Daniel W. Lawrence, .	Malden, . Everett, . Medford, .	May 1, 1831, Feb. 24, 1820, Oct. 8, 1830,	Boston, . Allentown, N. H., . Boston, .	Merchant, . Treas. Sav. Bank, . Merchant, .	1876. 1878. 1876.
5,	Samuel D. Hicks, . Solomon S. Sleeper, . Austin C. Wellington, .	Arlington, . Cambridge, . Cambridgep't, .	Mar. 16, 1824, Mar. 18, 1815, July 17, 1840,	Swansea, . Bristol, N. H., . Lexington, .	Coppersmith, . Merchant, . Coal Dealer, .	1876. 1876. 1876.
6,	Leander M. Hannum, . Edward Kendall, . J. W. Coveney, .	Cambridge, . " . E. Cambridge, .	Dec. 22, 1837, 28, 1822, 24, 1840,	Northampton, . Holden, . East Cambridge, .	Merchant, . Manufacturer, . Real Estate & Ins. Agent, .	1876. 1875. 1874.
7,	Isaac T. Burr, . Levi C. Wade, . Edward Whitney, .	Newton, . " . Belmont, .	Aug. 16, 1828, Jan. 16, 1848, June 6, 1815,	Leicester, . Albany City, Penn., . Watertown, .	Bank President, . Lawyer, . Merchant, .	1874. 1876. 1876.
8,	Frederick M. Stone, . Warren A. Bird, . Ira W. Hoffman, .	Waltham, . Natick, . Holliston, .	Sept. 12, 1825, Oct. 14, 1837, Jan. 20, 1830,	Wayland, . Cambridge, . Vermont, .	Counselor, . Coal Dealer, . Butcher, .	1860. 1876. 1876.
9,	Eliakim A. Bates, . Frederick W. Clapp, . William A. Alley, .	Hopkinton, . Frammingham, . Marlborough, .	June 30, 1817, Feb. 26, 1843, Dec. 12, 1841,	Bellevue, . So. Scituate, . Danvers, .	Merchant, . " . Boot & Shoe Manufacturer, .	1870. 1876. 1876.
10,	Edwin Amsden, . Jonas S. Hunt, .	Hudson, . Sudbury, .	Mar., 1828, June 23, 1827,	Southborough, . Sudbury, .	Merchant, . " .	1876. 1876.

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No 20,	Edward Coburn,	Weston.,	July 1, 1820,	Weston,	Farmer,	1876.
21,	Webster Smith,	Lexington,	May 24, 1826,	Lincoln,	"	1876.
22,	Charles S. Converse,	Woburn,	Oct. 22, 1821,	Woburn,	Expressman,	1858.
23,	Thomas Winship,	Wakefield,	Oct. 14, 1826,	South Reading,	Bank Cashier,	1876.
24,	Onslow Gilmore,	Stoneham,	Mar. 8, 1832,	Bedford, N. H.,	Treas Sav. Bank,	1876.
25,	Charles H. Danforth,	Reading,	22, 1837,	Amherst, N. H.,	Shoe Cutter,	1876.
26,	John Knowles,	Billerica,	Dec. 18, 1823,	Centre Harbor, N. H.,	Farmer,	1876.
27,	Charles A. F. Swan,	Lowell,	Aug. 27, 1830,	Peterboro', N. H.,	Lawyer,	1875.
28,	Thomas R. Southwick,	"	July 19, 1819,	Lyndeboro', N. H.,	Overseer,	1876.
29,	Joel Knapp,	"	Sept. 16, 1838,	Stockport, Eng.,	Plumber,	1875.
30,	James D. Hartwell,	"	June 16, 1835,	Freeman, Me.,	Contractor,	1875.
31,	James C. Woodward,	Dunstable,	Sept. 5, 1831,	New Boston, N. H.,	Grocer,	1876.
32,	Amos J. Saunders,	E. Pepperell,	Feb. 26, 1825,	Dunstable,	Blacksmith,	1876.
	Samuel Longley,	Shirley,	Aug. 8, 1826,	Rowley,	Merchant,	1873.
			Dec. 23, 1823,	Shirley,	Trader,	1876.
WORCESTER COUNTY.						
No. 1,	Charles A. Leud,	Winchendon,	Oct. 31, 1829,	Winchendon,	Manufacturer,	1874.
2,	William W. Fish,	Athol,	May 11, 1832,	Dummerston, Vt.,	Mechanic,	1876.
3,	Henry C. Knowlton,	Gardner,	Dec. 24, 1833,	Ashfield,	Chair Manufact'r,	1876.
4,	Henry S. Miner,	Phillipston,	Feb. 9, 1820,	Dover, Vt.,	Farmer,	1875.
5,	Samuel S. Gleason,	Hubbardston,	May 1, 1842,	Hubbardston,	Lumber Dealer,	1876.
6,	Henry F. Coggeshall,	Fitchburg,	Dec. 26, 1823,	Mansfield, Conn.,	Treas. Fitchburg Gas Co.,	1876.
7,	Francis C. Bowen,	Leominster,	Jan. 31, 1834,	Stoneham,	Shoe Manufact'r,	1876.
8,	Adin C. Estabrook,	Lunenburg,	Dec. 9, 1828,	Reading, Vt.,	Farmer,	1876.
9,	Jona. C. Richmond,	Harvard,	Nov. 7, 1821,	Monson,	Brick Manufact'r,	1876.
	Elijah C. Shattuck,	Berlin,	Aug. 27, 1820,	Marlborough,	Carp. & Builder,	1876.
	George F. Howe,	W. Boylston,	Apr. 22, 1825,	Roxbury,	Boot Manufact'r,	1876.
	Frederick Parker,	Princeton,	June 19, 1810,	Princeton,	Farmer,	1876.

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WORCESTER Co.—Con.						
No. 10.	John W. Wetherell, Samuel R. Heywood, John D. Washburn, Osgood Bradley, Jr., Jeremiah Murphy, M. J. McCafferty, John F. Searle, B. Alden Nourse, Wesley L. Fiske, George G. Parker, Patrick Kennedy, Charles C. Capron, Frederick T. Chase, Francis Bugbee, George F. Daniels, David Prouty, Andrus March, Charles Fuller, John Wetherbee,	Worcester, " " " " " " Grafton, Westborough, Upton, Milford, Blackstone, Uxbridge, Webster, " " Oxford, Spencer, Charlton, Sturbridge, Warren,	July 16, 1820, Nov. 24, 1821, Mar. 27, 1833, Dec. 25, 1836, " " June 17, 1829, Nov. 6, 1839, July 19, 1836, June 3, 1828, June 19, 1826, 1, 1838, Aug. 7, 1841, Nov. 21, 1844, June 4, 1829, Aug. 9, 1820, Oct. -, 1818, Sept. 14, 1812, Nov. 20, 1811, Aug. 25, 1828,	Oxford, Mass., Princeton, . Boston, . Worcester, . " " Ireland, . Grafton, . Westborough, Upton, . Acton, . Ireland, . Uxbridge, . Pascoag, R. I., W. Woodstock, Conn., Walpole, . Spencer, . Millbury, . Westfield, Vt., Brookfield, .	Miscellaneous, Boot Manufact'r., Lawyer and Ins. Agent, Car Manufacturer, " " Lawyer, . Postmaster, . Farmer & Life Ins. Ag't, Farmer, . Lawyer, . Woolsorter, Manufacturer, . Woolen Manuf'r., Shoe Business, . Artist, . Boot Manufact'r., Manufacturer, . Shoemaker, . Merchant, .	1870. 1876. 1876. 1875. " " 1866. 1876. 1876. 1876. 1876. 1876. 1876. 1876. 1876. 1876. 1876. 1876. 1876.
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY.						
No. 1.	Mark H. Spaulding, Lafayette Clapp, Orrin Bryant, Horace Cook, Newton Smith,	Northampton, Easthampton, Chostersfield, Hadley, . S. Hadley F'ls,	Mar. 20, 1827, Aug. 6, 1824, " " Apr. 24, 1820, Dec. 2, 1837,	Townsend, . Easthampton, . " " Hadley, . S. Hadley, .	Merchant, Insurance Agent, " " Farmer & Broom M'r., Farmer, .	1876. 1860. " " 1864. 1876.

No. 5,	.	.	.	.	Monroe Keith,	Granby,	Mar. 28, 1835,	Granby,	Farmer,	1876.
6,	.	.	.	.	Addison Sandford,	Ware,	Apr. 3, 1821,	Antwerp, N. Y.,	Merchant,	1876.
HAMPTON COUNTY.										
No. 1,	.	.	.	.	Rice M. Reynolds,	Monson,	Dec. 18, 1838,	Monson,	Woollen Manuf'r,	1876.
2,	.	.	.	.	Charles L. Gardner,	Palmer,	May 26, 1839,	Cummingtown,	Lawyer,	1876.
3,	.	.	.	.	Stephen E. Seymour,	Springfield,	Nov. 13, 1830,	Granville,	Lawyer,	1876.
4,	.	.	.	.	Charles W. Richards,	"	18, 1824,	Greenwich,	"	1876.
5,	.	.	.	.	James Abbe,	"	June 1, 1822,	Enfield, Conn.,	Stove Dealer,	1876.
6,	.	.	.	.	Christ'r C. Merritt,	"	Sept. 29, 1830,	Gardner,	Druggist,	1872.
7,	.	.	.	.	Edwin L. Kirtland,	Holyoke,	Dec. 17, 1832,	Westbrook, Ct.,	Editor,	1876.
8,	.	.	.	.	Charles A. Taylor,	Chicopee F'ls,	Sept. 4, 1826,	S. Hadley,	Provision Dealer,	1876.
9,	.	.	.	.	John M. Gibbons,	Granville,	Nov. 15, 1838,	Granville,	Merchant,	1876.
	.	.	.	.	Thomas F. Cordis,	Longmeadow,	July 28, 1848,	Longmeadow,	"	1876.
	.	.	.	.	Reuben Noble,	Westfield,	Oct. 26, 1820,	Westfield,	Manufacturer,	1872.
	.	.	.	.	George W. Granger,	Tolland,	May 7, 1821,	Tolland,	Farmer,	1876.
FRANKLIN COUNTY.										
No. 1,	.	.	.	.	Edward F. Mayo,	Warwick,	Dec. 13, 1826,	Warwick,	Farmer,	1870.
2,	.	.	.	.	Joseph H. Root,	Montague,	Feb. 19, 1828,	Montague,	Farmer,	1872.
3,	.	.	.	.	L. N. Brownell,	Colrain,	Jan. 20, 1817,	Williston, Vt.,	Mail Contractor,	1876.
4,	.	.	.	.	Calvin W. Shattuck,	"	Feb. 16, 1811,	Leyden,	Merch't and Cotton Mfr.,	1876.
5,	.	.	.	.	Alanson K. Hawka,	Sh'lburne F'ls,	Sept. 9, 1828,	Charlemont,	Treasurer Savings Bank,	1876.
	.	.	.	.	Eliphaz H. Wood,	E. Whately,	Mar. 19, 1810,	N. Hadley,	Farmer & Broom Mfr.,	1876.
	.	.	.	.	Alanson W. Ward,	Buckland,	Jan. 16, 1827,	Buckland,	Grain Dealer,	1876.
BERKSHIRE COUNTY.										
No. 1,	.	.	.	.	Harvey M. Owen,	Lanesborough,	Sept. 12, 1833,	Otis,	Farmer,	1876.
2,	Charles H. Read,	North Adams,	Mar. 10, 1830,	Charlotte, Vt.,	Tanner,	1876.
	Dallas J. Dean,	Adams,	Aug. 17, 1816,	Cheshire,	Merchant,	1848.

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BREKSHIRE Co.—Con.						
No. 3,	Ensign H. Kellogg,	Pittsfield,	July 6, 1812,	Sheffield, . .	Lawyer, . .	1843.
4,	Solomon N. Russell,	"	Aug. 1, 1822,	Conway, . .	Woolen Manuf'r,	1876.
5,	Monroe E. Ballou,	Becket, . .	Apr. 14, 1836,	Peru,	Grain Dealer, .	1876.
6,	John G. Wilson,	W. Stockb'dge,	1825,	W. Stockbridge,	Fur & Lumber Dealer,	1876.
7,	John P. Clark,	Lee,	1837,	Clarksburg,	Printer, . .	1876.
8,	W. I. Van Deusen,	Housatonic,	June 5, 1819,	Gt. Barrington,	Mercantile, . .	1876.
	Albert W. Curdiss,	Sheffield,	Nov. 10, 1820,	Sheffield, . .	Miller,	1876.
NORFOLK COUNTY.						
No. 1,	John D. Cobb,	Dedham,	Apr. 28, 1840,	Dedham, . .	Lawyer, . .	1876.
2,	Joseph S. Ropes,	Boston, . .	Feb. 6, 1818,	Boston, . .	Merchant, . .	1875.
3,	William S. King,	"	Oct. 6, 1818,	New York City,	"	1855.
4,	Henry W. Fuller,	"	June 30, 1839,	Hooksett, N. H.,	Lawyer, . .	1875.
5,	Ebenezer Adams,	"	Dec. 1, 1830,	Norwich, Conn.,	Mech. Engineer,	1875.
6,	William Morse,	"	"	"	"	"
7,	Frederick F. Moseley,	"	Sept. 20, 1826,	Dorchester,	Insurance Broker,	1875.
8,	Gardner A. Churchhill,	"	May 26, 1839,	"	Printer, . .	1875.
9,	John D. Whicher,	Quincy, . .	Dec. 23, 1825,	Quincy, . .	Boot and Shoe Manuf.,	1876.
10,	James T. Stevens,	Brantree, .	June 20, 1835,	Brantree, . .	Tack and Nail Manuf.,	1876.
11,	Elon Sherman,	S. Weymouth,	Nov. 5, 1820,	Marshfield, .	Box Maker, . .	1876.
	William S. Wallace,	Weymouth, .	Oct. 11, 1838,	E. Brantree,	Boot Fitter, . .	1876.
	Seth Mann, 2d,	Randolph, .	Feb. 28, 1817,	Randolph, . .	Insurance Agent,	1861.
	Warren P. Bird,	Stoughton, .	Oct. 18, 1843,	Stoughton, . .	Mechanic, . .	1876.
	Elijah A. Morse,	Canton, . .	May 25, 1841,	South Bend, Ind.,	Manufacturer, .	1876.
	Edward L. Pierce,	Milton, . .	Mar. 29, 1829,	Stoughton, . .	Lawyer, . .	1876.

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No. 12.	{	David A. Partridge.	W. Medway.	Apr. 30, 1833,	Milford.	Book and Shoe Manuf.,	1876.
13.	.	Jos. A. Kingsbury.	E. Foxborough.	Aug. 17, 1837,	Foxborough.	Grocer.	1876.
14.	.	Davis Thayer, Jr.,	Franklin.	Oct. 20, 1816,	Franklin.	Manufacturer.	1876.
15.	.	James Mackintosh.	Needham.	Apr. 9, 1838,	Needham.	Market Gardener.	1876.
	.	Moses Williams, Jr.,	Brookline.	Dec. 4, 1846,	W. Roxbury.	Lawyer.	1874.
BRISTOL COUNTY.							
No. 1.	.	Henry C. Read.	Attleborough.	1810,	Attleborough.	Farmer.	1876.
2.	.	George R. Perry.	Norton.	May 3, 1838,	Norton.	R. R. Station Agt.,	1876.
3.	.	Joseph W. White.	Raynham.	Oct. 1, 1825,	Westmoreland, N. H.,	Town Clerk & Treasurer.	1876.
4.	.	George C. Wilson.	Taunton.	Jan. 7, 1809,	Pittston, Me.,	Teacher.	1876.
	.	Frederick Hathaway.	"	Dec. 22, 1810,	Taunton.	Manufacturer.	1876.
	.	William Watts.	"	July 5, 1835,	Devonshire, Eng.,	Painter.	1876.
5.	.	Herbert A. Dean.	Berkley.	June 28, 1841,	Berkley.	Sea Captain.	1876.
6.	.	Washington Read.	Freetown.	July 2, 1813,	Freetown.	Ship Master.	1876.
	.	Geo. O. Fairbanks.	Fall River.	Feb. 14, 1815,	Medway.	Dentist.	1873.
7.	.	Weaver Osborn.	"	May 28, 1815,	Tiverton, R. I.,	Manufacturer.	1873.
	.	Albion K. Slade.	"	Aug. 4, 1822,	Somerset.	Teacher.	1876.
8.	.	Benjamin Gifford.	Westport.	July 11, 1824,	Westport.	Master Mariner.	1875.
9.	.	George R. Reed.	Dartmouth.	Jan. 2, 1832,	Dartmouth.	Farmer.	1876.
10.	.	Joseph Buckminster.	New Bedford.	Mar. 7, 1821,	Saco, Me.,	Merchant.	1876.
	.	Benj. S. Batchelor.	"	Nov. 21, 1829,	England.	Clergyman.	1876.
11.	.	Hosea M. Knowlton.	"	May 20, 1847,	Durham, Maine.	Lawyer.	1876.
	.	Giles G. Barker.	"	Mar. 17, 1838,	Fall River.	Carriage Builder.	1875.
12.	.	Benjamin White.	Acushnet.	Aug. 29, 1826,	Fairhaven.	Lumbering.	1876.
PLYMOUTH COUNTY.							
No. 1.	.	George W. Merritt.	Scituate.	Oct. 6, 1831,	Scituate.	Farmer.	1876.
2.	.	John D. Long.	Hingham.	27, 1838,	Buckfield, Me.,	Lawyer.	1876.
3.	.	Joseph T. Hartt.	So. Scituate.	25, 1830,	Brooklyn, N. Y.,	Gentleman.	1876.

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PLYMOUTH Co.—Con.						
No. 4,	Curtis B. Goodsell, .	Marshfield, .	Dec. 9, 1821, .	Connecticut, .	Farmer,	1876.
5,	Eleazer E. Waterman, .	Kingston, .	May 14, 1810, .	Halifax,	House Carpenter, .	1876.
6,	{ John Morissey, .	Plymouth, .	Sept. 20, 1818, .	Boston,	Newspaper Pub., .	1849.
7,	{ Stephen C. Phinney, .	"	18, 1829,	Plymouth,	Engineer,	1875.
8,	Isaac N. Hathaway, .	Marion,	May 16, 1819, .	Freelown,	Master Mariner, .	1876.
9,	Weston Howland, .	Mattapoisett, .	Feb. 28, 1813, .	Barnstable,	Shipwright,	1876.
10,	Isaac Winslow, . . .	Middleborough, .	Jan. 29, 1827, .	Brewster,	Shoe Bottomer, . .	1876.
11,	Ambrose Keith, . . .	Bridgewater, .	1814,	Bridgewater, . . .	Carp't'r & Build'r, .	1876.
12,	{ Ziba C. Keith, . . .	Brockton,	July 13, 1842, .	No. Bridgewater, .	Merchant,	1875.
	{ Isaac N. Nutter, . . .	East Bridgewater, .	June 23, 1836, .	E. Bridgewater, .	"	1875.
	George W. Reed, . . .	So. Abington, . .	Sept. 29, 1826, .	So. Abington, . . .	Sole Cutter,	1867.
	Jesse H. Jones, . . .	No. Abington, . .	Mar. 29, 1836, .	Belleville, Up. Canada, .	Clergyman,	1876.
BARNSTABLE COUNTY.						
No. 1,	Isaac N. Keith, . . .	W. Sandwich, . .	Nov. 14, 1838, .	W. Sandwich, . . .	Car Manufacturer, .	1875
	{ Samuel Snow, . . .	Barnstable, . . .	Apr. 14, 1828, .	Barnstable,	Town Officer, . . .	1876
	{ Daniel Wing, . . .	S. Yarmouth, . .	June 12, 1841, .	So. Yarmouth, . . .	Grocer,	1876
2,	{ Luther Fisk,	W. Dennis, . . .	21, 1831,	West Dennis, . . .	Ship Agent,	1875.
3,	{ Elisha Crocker, Jr., .	Brewster,	Nov. 15, 1814, .	Yarmouth,	Stove Dealer, . . .	1876.
4,	{ Freeman Doane, . .	Orleans,	Apr. 7, 1819, .	Orleans,	Farmer,	1876.
	{ Isaiah A. Small, . .	Provincetown, .	Feb. 25, 1825, .	Turo,	Shipsmith,	1875.
	{ Noah Swett,	Wellfleet,	Nov. 4, 1825, .	Wellfleet,	Fish Inspector, . .	1876.
DUKES COUNTY.						
No. 1,	Richard Holley, . . .	Edgartown, . . .	Jan. 30, 1829, .	Edgartown,	Master Mariner, . .	1876.

NANTUCKET COUNTY.	Joseph Mitchell, 2d,	Nantucket,	Oct. 3, 1869,	Nantucket,	Shipmaster,	1865.
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OFFICERS OF THE HOUSE.

NAME AND OFFICE.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Occupation.	1st year in office.
George A. Marden, <i>Clerk</i> ,	Lowell, . . .	August 9, 1839,	Editor,	1874.
Robert G. Seymour, <i>Chaplain</i> ,	Boston, . . .	- - -	Clergyman,	1873.

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THE SPEAKER.

1. The Speaker shall take the chair at the hour to which the House stands adjourned, call the members to order, and on the appearance of a quorum proceed to business.

2. He shall preserve decorum and order; may speak to points of order in preference to other members; and shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the House.

[With regard to appeals, see Rules 81 and 92.]

3. He shall declare all votes, subject to verification as hereinafter provided.

[See Rules 63 to 67.]

4. In all cases he may vote.
5. He shall rise to put a question, or to address the House, but may read sitting.
6. He shall each day examine the journal of the House.
7. He may name a member to perform the duties of the chair for a period not exceeding two days at one time.
8. In case of a vacancy in the office of Speaker, or in case the Speaker or the member named by him in accordance with the preceding rule is absent at the hour to which the House stands adjourned, the senior monitor present shall call the House to order, and shall preside until a Speaker pro tempore or a Speaker is elected by ballot, which shall be the first business in order.

MONITORS.

9. Two monitors shall be appointed by the Speaker for each division of the House, whose duty it shall be to see to the due observance of the Rules and Orders, and on request of the Speaker to return the number of votes and members in their respective divisions.
10. If a member transgress any of the Rules and Orders after being notified thereof by a monitor, it shall be the duty of such monitor to report the case to the House.

[For duty of monitor in case of the absence of the Speaker, see Rule 8.] [See Rule 20.]

CLERK.

11. The Clerk shall keep the journal of the House. He shall enter therein a record of each day's proceedings, and submit it to the Speaker before the hour fixed for the next sitting.
12. Every question of order shall be noted in the journal, and with the decision shall be entered at large in an appendix which shall also contain the Rules and Orders of the House, and of the two branches.
13. The Clerk shall prepare and cause to be printed each day a calendar of matters in order for consideration; followed by a brief minute of the preliminary proceedings of the previous day; a list of matters lying on the table; and such other memoranda as the House or the Speaker may direct.
14. Any objection to the calendar shall be made and disposed of before the House votes to proceed to the consideration of the Orders of the Day.

15. The clerk shall retain bills and other papers, in reference to which any member has a right to move a reconsideration (except petitions, enacted bills, orders of inquiry and orders of notice), until the right of reconsideration has expired : *provided*, that the operation of this rule shall be suspended during the last week of the session.

MEMBERS.

16. No member shall stand up, to the inconvenience of others, while a member is speaking ; or pass unnecessarily between the Speaker of the House and the member speaking ; or stand in the passages, or in the area in front of the chair.

17. No member shall be absent more than two days without leave of the House.

18. No member shall absent himself from the House without leave, unless there be a quorum without his presence.

19. Papers in possession of a member obtaining leave of absence, or at the end of the session, shall be left by him with the Clerk.

20. If a member is guilty of a breach of any of the Rules and Orders, he may be required by the House on motion to make satisfaction therefor, and, until he has done so, he shall not be allowed to vote or speak, except by way of excuse.

[See Rule 10.]

COMMITTEES.

21. At the beginning of the political year, eleven Standing Committees, to consist of seven members each, shall be appointed, as follows :—

- A Committee on the Judiciary ;
- A Committee on Matters of Probate and Chancery ;
- A Committee on Finance ;
- A Committee on Elections ;
- A Committee on Bills in the Third Reading ;
- A Committee on Engrossed Bills ;
- A Committee on County Estimates ;
- A Committee on the Pay Roll ;
- A Committee on Leave of Absence ;
- A Committee on Public Buildings ;
- A Committee on Rules and Orders ;

22. Unless other provision is made in any case, all committees shall be appointed by the Speaker, and the member first named shall be chairman.

23. In case of the election of a committee by ballot, the member having the highest number of votes shall be chairman.

24. No member shall be required to be on more than two committees at the same time, nor chairman of more than one.

25. No member shall serve on any committee in any question where his private right is immediately concerned distinct from the public interest.

26. The Committee on Finance shall report in appropriation bills, only such items of expenditure as are authorized by law, or such as the committee has been directed by the House to insert.

27. The Committee on Bills in the Third Reading shall examine and correct the bills which are referred to it, for the purpose of avoiding repetitions and unconstitutional provisions, insuring accuracy in the text and references, and consistency with the language of existing statutes: *provided*, that any change in the sense or legal effect shall be reported as an amendment.

28. The Committee on Engrossed Bills shall carefully examine and compare engrossed bills, and report them rightly and truly engrossed, when found to be so, without delay.

29. When the object of an application, whether by petition, order, or bill introduced on leave, can be secured without a special act under existing general laws, the committee to which the matter is referred shall report leave to withdraw, inexpedient to legislate, or ought not to pass, as the case may be.

30. No bill affecting the rights of individuals or private or municipal corporations shall be reported by a committee, unless notice has been given to all parties interested, by public advertisement or otherwise, without expense to the Commonwealth; or unless satisfactory evidence is produced that the parties interested have either received notice in writing, or have in writing waived notice.

31. On or before the twenty-second day of March, committees shall make final report upon matters referred to them prior to that day, unless further time is granted, for cause.

Committee of the Whole.

32. When the House determines to go into a committee of the whole, the chairman shall be appointed by the Speaker.

33. The rules of the House shall be observed in a committee of the whole, so far as they may be applicable, except the rules

limiting debate. A motion to rise, report progress, and ask leave to sit again, shall be always first in order, and be decided without debate.

REGULAR COURSE OF PROCEEDINGS.

Petitions, &c., and Reports of Committees.

34. Petitions, memorials, remonstrances, and papers of a like nature, and reports of committees, shall be presented before the House proceeds to the consideration of the Orders of the Day, and the Speaker shall call on the several divisions for such papers.

35. The member presenting a petition, memorial, or remonstrance, shall indorse his name thereon, with a brief statement of the nature and object of the paper, and the reading thereof shall be dispensed with, unless specially ordered.

Papers from the Senate.

36. Papers from the Senate shall be laid before the House by the Speaker, and received for action conformably to such of these Rules and Orders as are applicable thereto, before the House proceeds to the consideration of the Orders of the Day.

Papers addressed to the House, not Petitions.

37. Papers addressed to the House or the General Court, other than petitions, memorials, and remonstrances, or those received from the Senate, may be presented by the Speaker, or by a member in his place, and shall be read unless it is specially ordered that the reading be dispensed with.

Orders of Inquiry.

38. All motions contemplating legislation, when not founded upon petition, or upon bill proposed to be introduced on leave, shall be made in the form of an order of inquiry, which shall indicate the nature of the legislation proposed; and if reference is made to any particular law, for amendment or otherwise, the order shall specify the chapter and section, as well as the subject to which it relates.

Postponement to the Next Day on Request of a Member.

39. The consideration of any order proposed for adoption, or of any request for leave to introduce a bill, shall be postponed without question to the day after that on which the order is proposed or request made, if any member asks such postponement.

Bills and Resolves. [See Rule 93.]

40. Bills shall be fairly written in a legible hand, without material erasure or interlineation, on not less than one sheet of paper, with suitable margins and spaces between the several sections; dates and numbers being written in words at length.

41. If opposition is made to a bill before it is ordered to a second reading, the question shall be, "*Shall this bill be rejected?*" If no opposition is made, or if the question to reject is negatived, the bill shall go to its second reading without a question.

42. Bills involving an expenditure of public money, shall, after their first reading, be referred to the Committee on Finance, for report on their relation to the finances of the Commonwealth.

43. Bills from the Senate, after their first reading, shall be referred to a committee of the House, unless they were reported to the Senate by a joint committee.

44. Amendments, proposed by the Senate, and sent back to the House for concurrence, shall be referred to the committee which reported the measure proposed to be amended, unless such committee is composed of members of both branches.

45. No bill shall be proposed or introduced unless received from the Senate, reported by a committee, or moved as an amendment to the report of a committee: *provided*, that the House may grant special leave to a member to introduce a bill; but when leave is asked for the introduction of a bill, it shall be read for information before the question is put on granting leave; and if leave is granted, it shall be committed, before it is ordered to a second reading.

46. No bill affecting directly the legal rights of individuals or corporations, otherwise than as it affects generally the interests of the whole people of the Commonwealth or of the cities or towns to which it specifically applies, shall be proposed or introduced, by amendment or otherwise, except by report of a committee, upon petition duly presented and referred.

47. When a bill, order, petition, memorial, or remonstrance has been finally rejected, no measure substantially the same shall be introduced by any committee or member during the same session; and if an amendment to a House bill is received from the Senate, which amendment is substantially the same as a bill which has been rejected by the House, the Speaker shall direct the Clerk to indorse on the paper that the House non-concurs in the amendment, and shall not entertain any motion for other action thereon.

48. Bills in their third reading shall be referred to the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading for examination, correction, and report.

[See Rule 27.]

49. No bill shall pass to be engrossed without having been read on three several days.

50. Engrossed bills shall be referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills for examination, comparison, and report.

[See Rule 28.]

51. No engrossed bill shall be amended.

52. Engrossed bills, reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills to be rightly and truly engrossed, shall be put upon their passage to be enacted; and engrossed resolves, when so reported, shall be put upon their passage, without further reading, unless specially ordered.

53. No engrossed bill shall be sent to the Senate without notice thereof being given by the Speaker.

Orders of the Day.

54. Bills from the Senate, after their first reading, when not referred to a committee of the House, and bills reported to the House by committees, to which no objection is made, or when the question of rejection is negatived, shall be placed in the orders for second reading on the next day.

55. Reports of committees not by bill or resolve shall be placed in the orders of the next day after that on which they are received from the Senate, or made to the House, as the case may be.

56. Bills ordered to a third reading shall be placed in the orders of the next day for such reading.

57. After entering upon the consideration of the Orders of the Day, the House shall proceed with them in regular course,

as follows: Matters not giving rise to a motion or debate shall first be disposed of in the order in which they stand in the calendar; after which the matters that were passed over shall be considered in like order, and disposed of.

58. When the House does not finish the consideration of the Orders of the Day, those which have not been acted upon shall be the orders for the next and each succeeding day until disposed of, and shall be entered in the calendar, without change in their order, to precede matters added under Rules fifty-four, fifty-five, and fifty-six. The unfinished business in which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment shall have the preference in the orders of the next day, after motions to reconsider.

Special Rules Affecting the Course of Proceedings.

[For postponement of Order, etc., to next day, on request of a member, see Rule 39.]

59. No matter which has been duly placed in the Orders of the Day shall be discharged therefrom, or considered out of the regular course.

60. If, under the operation of the previous question, or otherwise, an amendment is made at the second or third reading of a bill substantially changing the greater part of such bill, the question shall not be put forthwith on ordering the bill to a third reading or to be engrossed (as the case may be), but the bill, as amended, shall be placed in the orders of the next day after that on which the amendment is made, and shall then be open to further amendment before such question is put. In like manner, when, under the operation of the previous question or otherwise, an amendment is made in any proposition of such a nature as to change its character, as from a bill to an order, or the like, the proposition as amended shall be placed in the orders of the next day after that on which the amendment was made.

VOTING.

61. No member shall vote in any question where his private right is immediately concerned, distinct from the public interest.

62. Every member not prevented by interest, who is present in the House when a question is put, shall give his vote, unless the House, for special reasons, excuse him. Members desiring to be so excused shall make application to that effect before the House is divided, or before the taking of the yeas and nays

is begun. Such application may be accompanied by a brief statement of reasons by the member making it, but shall be decided without debate.

63. When a question is put, the sense of the House shall be taken by the voices of the members, and the Speaker shall first announce the vote as it appears to him by the sound.

64. If the Speaker is unable to decide by the sound of the voices, or if his announcement made thereupon is doubted by a member rising in his place for that purpose, the Speaker shall order a return by divisions of the number voting in the affirmative and in the negative, without further debate upon the question.

[For duty of monitors in case of a division, see Rule 9.]

65. When a return by divisions is ordered, the members for or against the question, when called on by the Speaker, shall rise in their places, and stand until they are counted.

66. The sense of the House shall be taken by yeas and nays, whenever required by one-fifth of the members present. When the yeas and nays are taken, the roll of the House shall be called in alphabetical order, and no member shall be allowed to vote who was not on the floor when his name was called or before the roll-call was finished.

67. The call for the yeas and nays shall be decided without debate. If the yeas and nays have been ordered before the question is put, the proceedings under Rules sixty-three, sixty-four, and sixty-five shall be omitted; if not, they may be called for in lieu of a return by divisions when the Speaker's announcement is doubted by a member rising in his place, and if then ordered, the proceedings under Rules sixty-four and sixty-five shall be omitted.

Reconsideration.

68. When a vote has passed (except as provided in the next rule), it shall be in order for any member to move the reconsideration thereof on the same or the succeeding day, and such motion, if made on the same day, shall (except in the last week of the session) be placed first in the orders of the next day after that on which it is made; but if first moved on such succeeding day, it shall be forthwith considered: *provided, however*, that a motion to reconsider a vote upon any incidental or subsidiary question shall not remove the main subject under consideration

from before the House, but shall be considered at the time when it is made.

69. When a motion for reconsideration is decided, that decision shall not be reconsidered, and no question shall be twice reconsidered; nor shall any vote be reconsidered upon either of the following motions:

to adjourn,
to lay on the table,
to take from the table; or
for the previous question.

70. Debate on motions to reconsider shall be limited to thirty minutes, and no member shall occupy more than five minutes.

[For rule requiring the Clerk to retain papers, except, etc., until the right of reconsideration has transpired, see Rule 15.]

RULES OF DEBATE.

71. Every member, when about to speak, shall rise and respectfully address the Speaker, shall confine himself to the question under debate, and avoid personality; and shall sit down when he has finished. No member shall speak out of his place without leave of the Speaker.

72. When two or more members rise at the same time, the Speaker shall name the member entitled to the floor, preferring one who rises in his place to one who does not.

73. No member shall interrupt another while speaking, except by rising to call to order.

74. No member shall speak more than once to the prevention of those who have not spoken and desire to speak on the same question, nor more than twice on the same question without leave of the House.

Motions.

75. Every motion shall be reduced to writing, if the Speaker so directs.

76. A motion need not be seconded, and may be withdrawn by the mover if no objection is made.

77. A motion to adjourn shall be always first in order; and that motion, and the motions to lay on the table and to take from the table, shall be decided without debate.

[For application to be excused from voting, to be decided without debate, see Rule 62.]

[For call for yeas and nays, to be decided without debate, see Rule 67.]

[For questions of order arising after the previous question is moved, to be decided without debate, except on appeal, see Rule 81.]

78. When a question is before the House, until it is disposed of, the Speaker shall receive no motion that does not relate to the same, except the motion to adjourn, or some other motion that has precedence, either by express rule of the House or because it is privileged in its nature; and he shall receive no motion relating to the same, except—

to lay on the table,

See Rule 77, above.

for the previous question,

See Rules 79-84, below.

to close the debate at a specified time,

See Rules 83, 84, below.

to postpone to a time certain,

See Rule 85, below.

to commit (or recommit),

See Rule 86, below.

to amend,

See Rules 87-90, below.

to refer to the next General Court,

or to postpone indefinitely,

See Rule 91, below.

which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are arranged in this rule.

Previous Question.

79. The previous question shall be put in the following form: "*Shall the main question be now put?*"—and all debate upon the main question shall be suspended until the previous question is decided.

80. On the previous question, not exceeding ten minutes shall be allowed for debate, and that only to give reasons why the main question should not be put, and no member shall speak more than three minutes.

81. All questions of order arising after a motion is made for the previous question shall be decided without debate, excepting on appeal, and on such appeal no member shall speak more than once without leave of the House.

[See Rule 92.]

82. The adoption of the previous question shall put an end to all debate except as provided in Rule eighty-four, and bring the House to a direct vote upon pending amendments, if any, in their regular order, and then upon the main question.

Motion to Close Debate at a Specified Time.

83. A motion to close the debate at a specified time shall be put not less than thirty minutes before the time stated.

[See the next Rule.]

When Debate is closed, Ten Minutes allowed, etc.

84. When debate is closed by ordering the previous question, or by a vote to close debate at a specified time, the member in charge of the measure under consideration shall be allowed to speak ten minutes, and may grant to any other member any portion of his time.

Motion to Postpone to a time certain.

85. When a motion is made to postpone to a time certain, and different times are proposed, the question shall first be taken on the most remote time; and the time shall be determined before the question is put on postponement, which may then be rejected if the House see fit.

Motion to Commit.

86. When a motion is made to commit, and different committees are proposed, the question shall be taken in the following order:—

- a standing committee of the House,
- a select committee of the House,
- a joint standing committee,
- a joint select committee;

and a subject may be recommitted to the same committee, or to another committee, at the pleasure of the House.

Motions to Amend.

87. A motion to amend an amendment may be received, but no amendment in the third degree shall be allowed.

88. No motion or proposition of a subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted under color of amendment.

89. A question containing two or more propositions capable of division, shall be divided whenever desired by any member. When a motion to strike out and insert is thus divided, the failure of the motion to strike out shall not preclude amendment; or, if the motion to strike out prevails, the matter proposed to be inserted shall be open to amendment before the question is taken on inserting it.

90. In filling blanks, the largest sum and longest time shall be put first.

Equivalent for Motion to Postpone Indefinitely.

91. A motion to strike out the enacting clause of a bill shall be equivalent to a motion to postpone indefinitely.

APPEAL.

92. No appeal from the decision of the Speaker shall be entertained, unless it is seconded; and no other business shall be in order until the question on the appeal has been disposed of.

[See Rule 81.]

RESOLVES.

93. Such of these Rules and Orders as are applicable to bills, whether of the House or of the Senate, shall apply likewise to such Resolves as require the concurrence of the Senate and approval by the Governor, in order to become laws and have force as such. Except in Rule fifty-two, the word "bill" shall be equivalent to the word "resolve" in the same place.

ELECTIONS BY BALLOT.

94. A time shall be assigned for elections by ballot, at least one day previous thereto.

SECRET SESSION.

95. All proceedings in secret session, and matters relating thereto, shall be kept secret until the House removes the injunction of secrecy.

SEATS.

96. (1.) The desk on the right of the Speaker shall be assigned to the use of the Clerk and such persons as he may employ to assist him, and that on the left to the use of the Chairmen of the Committees on Bills in the Third Reading and on Engrossed Bills.

(2.) The seat numbered 25, in the third division, shall be assigned to the use of the senior member of the House, and that numbered 24, in the fourth division, to the use of the oldest member of the House who is not the senior member.

(3.) The seat numbered 11, in the first division, shall be assigned to the use of the Chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary, and that numbered 35, in the sixth division, to the use of the Chairman of the Committee on Finance.

(4.) The following seats shall be assigned to the use of the monitors :—

Those numbered 30 and 34, in the first division ;
 100 and 104, in the second division ;
 96 and 99, in the third division ;
 92 and 95, in the fourth division ;
 87 and 91, in the fifth division ; and
 15 and 19, in the sixth division.

(5.) The first business in order after the appointment of standing committees and monitors is announced by the Speaker, shall be the drawing of the other seats upon the floor of the House.

(6.) The Clerk shall call the roll of the members in alphabetical order, omitting the names of the Speaker, the senior member, the oldest member, the chairmen of committees herein before mentioned, and the monitors ; and the drawing shall be had in presence of the House, under the supervision of a committee of three selected from the members mentioned in this paragraph.

(7.) The seat assigned to any member, or drawn by him, shall be his seat for the year, unless an exchange is made and notice thereof given to the Sergeant-at-Arms within ten days from the day of the drawing.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR.

97. (1.) Every member shall have the privilege of introducing upon the floor of the House, to occupy (for that day) any seat then vacant not belonging to a member, or belonging to a member who is absent, not more than one person at the same time, such person not having any private interest in any measure before the legislature distinct from the public interest: *provided*, that in any case when by the exercise of this privilege on the part of some of the members, the vacant seats have been filled, and the Speaker so announces, the further exercise of the privilege shall be suspended for that day, or until one or more of the seats thus filled are vacated.

(2.) The Speaker may also invite visitors, not inhabitants of this Commonwealth, without limit of number, to seats (not numbered) upon the floor of the House.

(3.) Contestants for seats in the House whose papers are in the hands of the Committee on Elections, may be admitted while their cases are pending, to seats to be assigned by the Speaker.

(4.) Senators, and the principal officers* in the executive and judicial departments of the civil government of the Commonwealth, the Chaplains of both Houses and Clerk of the Senate, shall be admitted to the floor whenever they may have occasion to visit the House, and may occupy any of the seats not numbered which they may find vacant, or any seats which may be assigned by the Speaker for their use for the time being.

REPRESENTATIVES' CHAMBER.

98. Use of the Representatives' Chamber shall not be granted except by a vote of four-fifths of the members present.

PARLIAMENTARY PRACTICE.

99. The rules of parliamentary practice shall govern the House in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with these Rules and Orders, or the Joint Rules and Orders of the two branches.

SUSPENSION, AMENDMENT, AND REPEAL.

100. Nothing in these Rules and Orders shall be dispensed with, altered, or repealed, unless two-thirds of the members present consent thereto; but this rule and rules thirty-nine, forty-eight, and ninety-eight shall not be suspended, unless by unanimous consent of the members present.

[Blanks for orders, bills, reports, petitions, and indorsement of petitions may be had on application to the Clerk, or at the document-room, and members are respectfully requested to use the same in the preparation of papers.]

* See list in the Blue-book.

[No. 3.]

JOINT RULES AND ORDERS

OF THE

TWO BRANCHES.

RULE 1. List of joint standing committees—No member of either House to act as counsel before any committee.

RULE 2. Joint committees; how they may report—How their reports shall be written.

RULE 3. Reports of joint committees may be recommitted by either House, except, etc.—All reports, after recommitment, to be made to the House which ordered the same.

RULE 4. Reports of joint committees on subjects referred to them from standing committees of either branch, to be made in the House where such reference is made.

RULE 5. Clerk to indorse amendments made in reports of joint committees over signature of chairman or member of committee.

RULE 6. Report, leave to withdraw, to be made on petitions for legislation, which can be secured under general laws.

RULE 7. Papers on their passage to be under the signature of the Clerks, except, etc.—Messages.

RULE 8. Engrossed bills and bills ordered to be engrossed.

RULE 9. Notice of bills, etc., rejected to be sent to the other branch.

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RULE 12. Resolves proposing amendments to the Constitution.

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RULE 14. An agreement to go into a convention not to be altered or annulled, unless, etc.

RULE 15. Restriction as to business of conventions.

RULE 16. Elections by joint ballot; time to be assigned therefor.

RULE 17. Convention for election of Senator under Act of Congress; rule governing, etc.

RULE 18. Committees of conference; how composed, and their reports.

RULE 19. Joint committee to make final report on or before March 22.

RULE 20. Concerning petitions, memorials, etc., presented after the twenty-second day of February.

RULE 21. Concerning reports on petitions, notice of the presentation of which has not been given.

RULE 22. Bills and resolves affecting rights of individuals or corporations not to be introduced, except, etc.

RULE 23. Concerning the printing and binding of documents.

RULE 1. The following Joint Standing Committees shall be appointed at the commencement of the January session, viz. :—

- A Committee on Agriculture ;
- A Committee on Banks and Banking ;
- A Committee on Claims ;
- A Committee on Education ;
- A Committee on Expenditures ;
- A Committee on Federal Relations ;
- A Committee on the Fisheries ;
- A Committee on Harbors ;
- A Committee on Insurance ;
- A Committee on the Library ;
- A Committee on Manufactures ;
- A Committee on Mercantile Affairs ;
- A Committee on Military Affairs ;
- A Committee on Parishes and Religious Societies ;
- A Committee on Printing ;
- A Committee on Prisons ;
- A Committee on Public Charitable Institutions ;
- A Committee on Public Lands ;
- A Committee on Railroads ;
- A Committee on Roads and Bridges ;
- A Committee on the State House ;
- A Committee on Street Railways ;
- A Committee on Towns ;
- A Committee on Water-Supply and Drainage ;

And each of said Committees shall consist of two on the part of the Senate, and five on the part of the House, except the Committee on Banks and Banking, the Committee on Claims, the Committee on Harbors, the Committee on Mercantile Affairs, the Committee on Military Affairs, the Committee on Prisons, the Committee on Public Charitable Institutions, the Committee on Railroads, the Committee on Street Railways, and the Committee on Water-Supply and Drainage, which shall each consist of three members on the part of the Senate, and eight members

on the part of the House; and except the Committee on the Library, which, by law, is to consist of three on the part of each House; and except the Committee on Expenditures, which shall consist of the Committee on the Treasury of the Senate, and the Committee on Finance of the House. No member of either House shall act as counsel for any party before any committee of the Legislature.

RULE 2. The Joint Committees of the two Houses may report by bill, resolve, or otherwise to either House, at their discretion; and all bills and resolves reported by them shall be fairly written in a legible hand, without material erasure or interlineation, on not less than one sheet of paper, with suitable margins, and spaces between the several sections; dates and numbers being written in words at length.

RULE 3. Reports of Joint Committees may be recommitted to the same Committees at the pleasure of the House first acting thereon, without asking the concurrence of the other branch; and bills or resolves which have been previously acted on in one branch may be recommitted in the other without a concurrent vote, except when recommitted with instructions: *provided*, that, after such recommitment, report shall, in all cases, be made to the branch which shall have ordered such recommitment.

RULE 4. Whenever a report is made from any Committee to either House, and the subject-matter thereof is subsequently referred therein to a Joint Committee, such Committee shall report its action to the branch in which the original report was made.

RULE 5. If any part of the report of a Committee over the signature of the chairman or members of the Committee is amended in either branch, the Clerk of that branch shall indorse upon the report such amendment.

RULE 6. Whenever upon any application for an Act of incorporation, or other special legislation, the purpose for which such legislation is sought can be secured under general laws, the Committee to which the matter is referred shall, in all cases, report "leave to withdraw," or "inexpedient to legislate."

RULE 7. All papers, while on their passage between the two Houses, may be under the signature of the respective Clerks, except bills and resolves in their last stage. Messages may be sent by such persons as each House may direct.

RULE 8. After bills shall have passed both Houses to be

engrossed, they shall be in the charge of the Clerks of the two Houses, who shall deliver the same to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, to be engrossed in the manner prescribed by law; and when engrossed, the said Clerks shall forthwith deliver the same to the Committee of the House of Representatives on Engrossed Bills; and when the same shall have passed to be enacted in that House, they shall in like manner be delivered to the Committee of the Senate on Engrossed Bills.

RULE 9. If any bill, resolve, or order, originating in one branch, is rejected in the other, notice thereof shall be given, under the signature of the Clerk, to the branch in which the same originated.

RULE 10. The Clerk of the House in which a bill originated shall make an indorsement thereon, certifying in which House the same originated, which indorsement shall be entered on the Journals by the Clerks respectively.

After said bills shall have passed both Houses to be enacted, the Clerk of the Senate shall lay them before the Governor for his approbation, and shall enter upon the Journal of the Senate the day on which the same were laid before the Governor.

RULE 11. All resolves and other papers which are to be presented to the Governor for his approbation, shall be laid before him in the same manner as is prescribed in the case of bills.

RULE 12. All resolves proposing amendments of the Constitution shall have three several readings in each House, and the final question upon adopting the same shall be taken by yeas and nays.

RULE 13. The President of the Senate shall preside in conventions of the two branches; and such conventions shall be holden in the Representatives' Chamber; the Clerk of the Senate shall be clerk of the convention, and a record of the proceedings of the convention shall be entered at large on the journals of both branches.

RULE 14. When an agreement has been made by the two branches to go into convention, such agreement shall not be altered or annulled, except by concurrent vote.

RULE 15. No business shall be entered on, in convention, other than that which may be agreed on before the convention is formed.

RULE 16. In all elections by joint ballot, a time shall be assigned therefor at least one day previous to such election.

RULE 17. The joint assembly required to be held by the Act of Congress approved July 25, 1866, entitled, "An Act to regulate the times and manner of holding elections for Senators in Congress," shall be deemed a convention of the two branches, and the proceedings therein shall be in accordance with the provisions of said Act. The president of the convention shall receive no motion on any day until one vote for Senator has been taken. After one vote for Senator has been taken, no motion shall be in order except a motion to adjourn, for a recess, or to proceed to vote for Senator; and these motions shall have precedence in the order of their arrangement, and shall be decided without debate. If a motion is made for a recess, and different times are proposed, the question shall first be taken on the most remote time; and the time shall be determined, but without debate, before the question is put upon taking the recess. On either of the questions permitted by this rule the sense of the convention shall be taken by yeas and nays, whenever required by one-fifth of the members present. When the yeas and nays are taken, the roll of the convention shall be called in alphabetical order, and no member shall be allowed to vote who was not on the floor when his name was called, or before the roll-call was finished. The call for the yeas and nays shall be decided without debate.

RULE 18. Committees of Conference shall consist of three members on the part of each House, representing its vote; and their report, if agreed to by a majority of each Committee, shall be made to the branch asking the conference, and may be either accepted or rejected; but no other action shall be had, except through a new Committee of Conference.

RULE 19. Joint Committees shall make final report upon all matters previously referred to them, on or before the twenty-second day of March, unless further time is granted for cause.

RULE 20. All petitions, memorials, and applications embraced in the provisions of chapter 2 of the General Statutes, and chapter 91 of the Acts of the year 1862, which shall be presented after the twenty-second day of February, shall be referred to the next General Court. This rule shall not be rescinded, amended, or suspended, except by a concurrent vote of four-fifths of the members of each House present and voting thereon.

RULE 21. No bill or resolve affecting the rights of individuals, or private or municipal corporations, shall be reported

by a committee, unless notice has been given to all parties interested, by public advertisement or otherwise, without expense to the Commonwealth; or unless satisfactory evidence is produced that the parties interested have either received notice in writing, or have in writing waived notice.

RULE 22. No bill or resolve affecting directly the legal rights of individuals or corporations, otherwise than as it affects generally the interests of the whole people of the Commonwealth, or of the cities or towns to which it specifically applies, shall be proposed or introduced, by amendment or otherwise, except by report of a committee, upon petition duly presented and referred.

RULE 23. The Committees on Printing may make regulations for the distribution of all documents printed or assigned for the use of the Legislature not otherwise disposed of, such regulations to be reported to and subject to the order of the two branches.

Under the general order to print a report, bill, or other document, the number printed shall be eight hundred, with the exception of the Governor's Inaugural Address, of which fifteen hundred copies may be printed without special order.

Leave to report in print shall not be construed to authorize the printing of extended reports of evidence.

No printing, except as aforesaid, and no binding or engraving shall be ordered, except upon the report of the Joint Committee on Printing, accepted by the Legislature.

Bills, reports, and other documents, printed under the general order of either House, shall be distributed as follows, to wit: Two copies to each member of the Senate and House of Representatives (to be placed on his file under the direction of the Sergeant-at-Arms, if desired by the member); three copies to each Clerk in either branch, and three copies to each reporter in regular attendance, to whom a seat has been assigned in either branch; twenty copies to the Executive; twenty copies to the Secretary's office; six copies to the State Library; and when the document is the report of a committee, ten copies shall be assigned to the Committee making the report. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall preserve as many as may be necessary for the permanent files, to be placed in the lobbies, and distribute the remainder under such regulations as may be prescribed by said Joint Committee.

[No. 4.]

THE OATH OF OFFICE.

[See page 4.]

I, (repeating your name,) do solemnly swear, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and will support the Constitution thereof. *So help me, God.*

I, , do solemnly swear and affirm, that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent upon me as a Representative, according to the best of my abilities and understanding, agreeably to the rules and regulations of the Constitution and laws of this Commonwealth. *So help me, God.*

I, , do solemnly swear, that I will support the Constitution of the United States. *So help me, God.*

AFFIRMATION.

I, (repeating your name,) do solemnly affirm, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and will support the Constitution thereof. *This I do, under the pains and penalties of perjury.*

I, , do solemnly affirm, that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent on me as a Representative, according to the best of my abilities and understanding, agreeably to the rules and regulations of the Constitution and laws of this Commonwealth. *This I do, under the pains and penalties of perjury.*

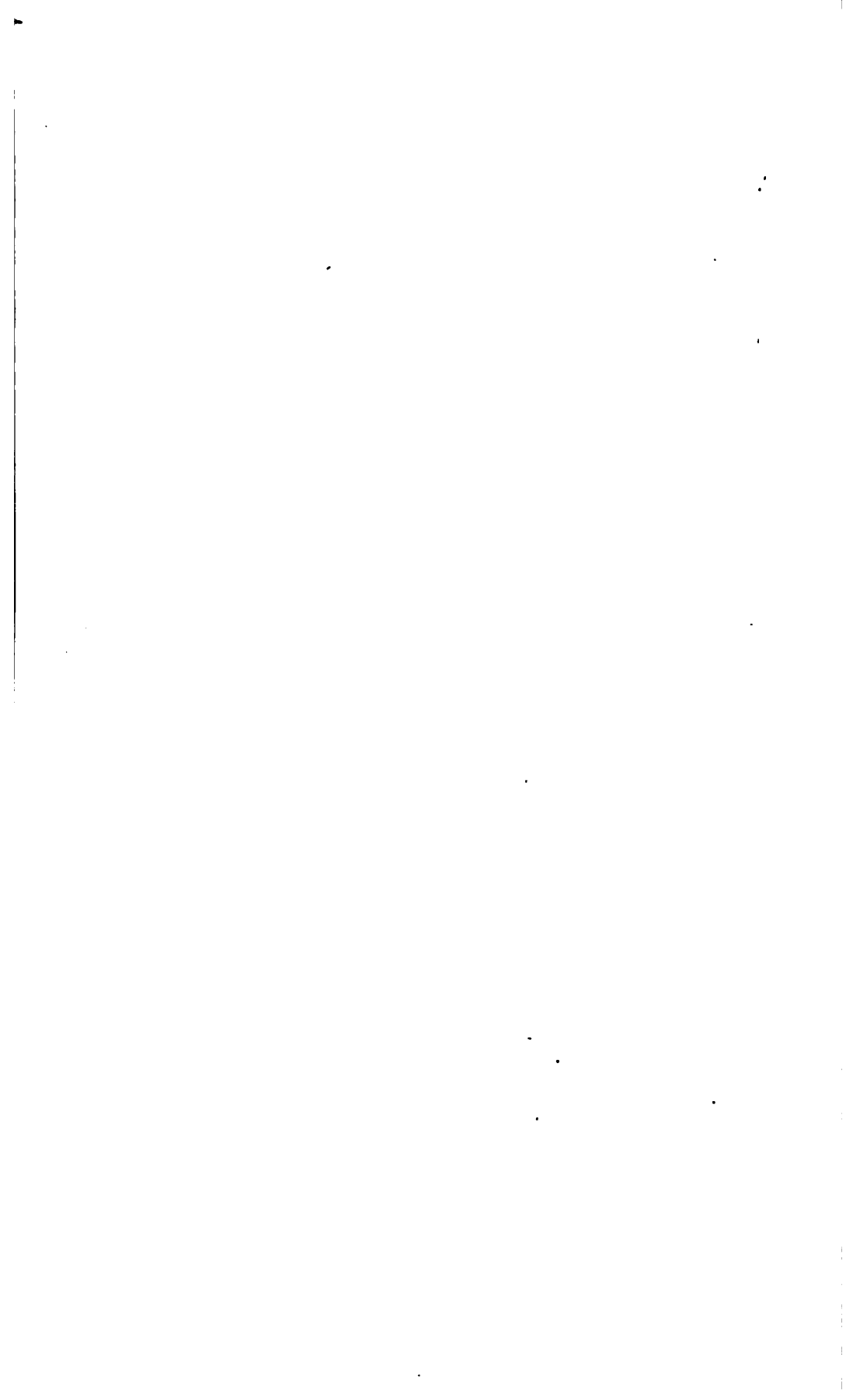
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